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## A look at last year and a look ahead

Twenty twenty-three was the first full year after the restraints on trade imposed by the covid-19 pandemic and the first full year in power for our new federal government. Many things moved, yet many issues remain unresolved. Trade law expert Andrew Hudson outlines some of the highlights for 2023 and predictions for 2024.

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#### **Australian Government**

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Cargo Operations Snapshot – 12 February 2024

The DAFF Cargo Operations Snapshot has been reprised with the latest report as of week commencing 12 February 2024. There are some changes which are explained in page 3 of the attached report



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New laws affecting importations of vape products

Australian Border Force has issued information on



UK advisory body recommends against renewal of CBER

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ABF Commissioner Michael Outram's Opening

the two stage implementation of strict new regulations for importing vaping goods into Australia.

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and Market Authority has decided to not recommend renewing a 'block exemption', which provides an exemption from competition law for certain forms of cooperation between liner shipping companies.

Statement at this weeks
Senate Estimates. The
Commissioner highlighted
the significant operational
matter regarding the
control of disposable vapes.

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Welcome to the first edition of Port of Brisbane News for 2024.

Major property development continues across the Port, with five active construction sites underway for new and existing customer facilities, as well as construction of additional car parking at the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal.

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Demand rush sparks temporary ban on imports at Bangkok Airport

A surprise surge in air cargo demand in Asia has led to ground handler Bangkok Flight Services (BFS) announcing a temporary embargo on imports at Bangkok Airport (BKK), just 24 hours after a similar situation in Dubai.





# Out & about in Sydney

Some more great member visits in Sydney!
Scott Carson & Jodie
Murray visited JJ Lawson and Nippon Express over the last week to discuss all things Industry.
It was great to catch up with our members.
J J Lawson Customs,
Freight & Transport
Nippon Express

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