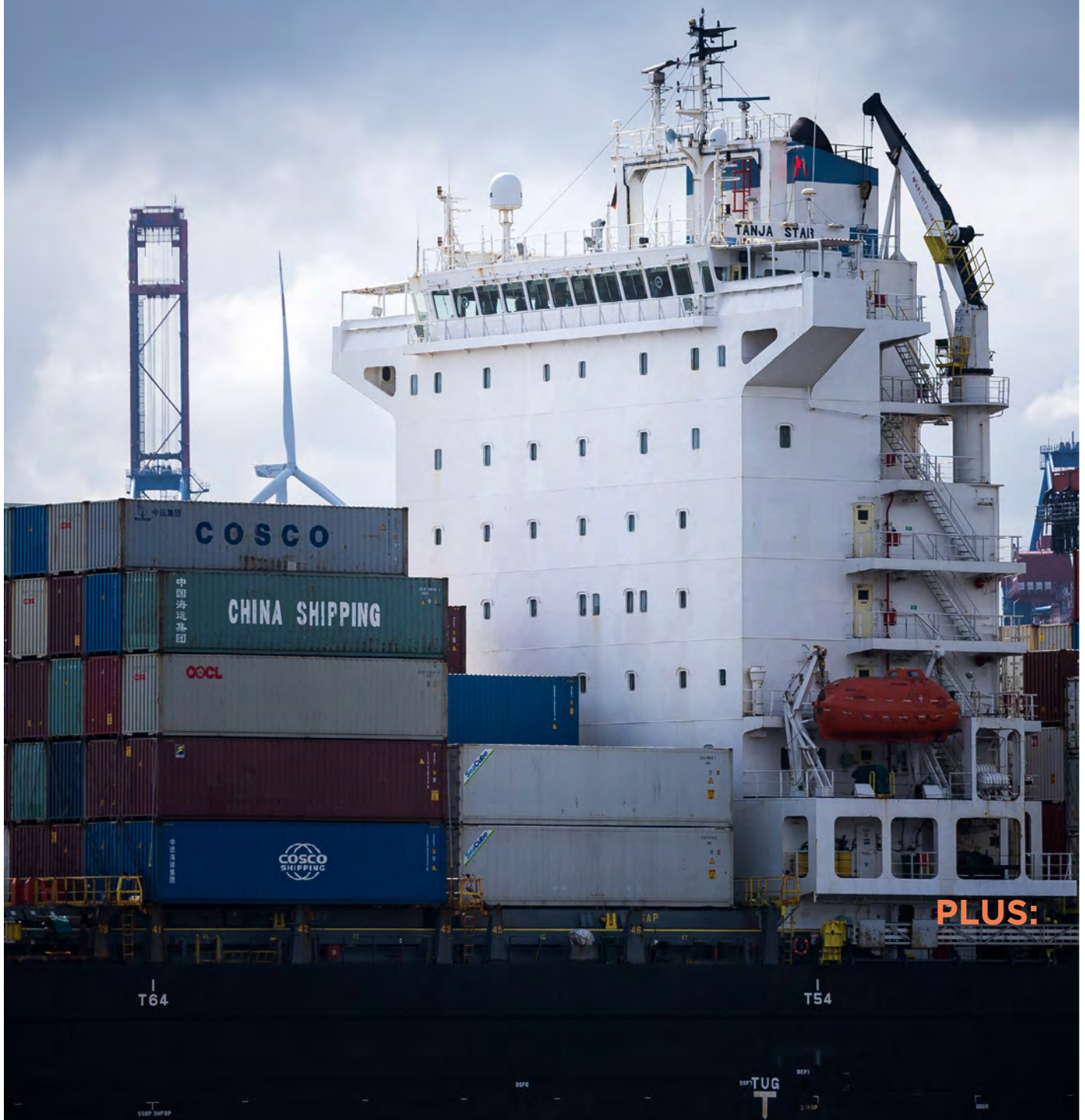




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TARIFF CONCESSIONS GAZETTE (TC)

Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) are an Australian Government revenue concession that exists where there are no known Australian manufacturers of goods that are substitutable for imported goods. You can stay up to date with the weekly gazette via the Tomax Newsletter.

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BLOCKADE'S PROTESTS CAUSE WEEK LONG DISRUPTIONS

Marking the fifth day of disruptions, a protestor has reportedly blocked all five tracks of a rail line into Port of Melbourne while another appears to have climbed inside a stacker reclaimer at the Port of Newcastle. Both protesters are representing Blockade Australia, the climate activism group which has disrupted operations or landside access at the ports of Brisbane, Newcastle and Melbourne every day this week.

At the Port of Melbourne on Friday morning, a 19-year-old activist named Aiko was up a nine-metre monopole blocking the tracks to the port. The demonstration blocked access to the Swanson precinct, with three container freight trains impacted.

According to Blockade Australia, a second protester had disrupted operations at the Port of Newcastle. "Vickers is inside the port of Newcastle scaling a stacker reclaimer with a lock on to stop its operations and has pressed the big red button to shut the huge machines down," the group said in a post. Their protests are part of an organised response over

what the climate activist group claims is "Australia's role in causing the climate and ecological crisis".

The disruptions follow a string of other similar protests during the week including one who suspended himself over train tracks about 56 kilometres away from New South Wales' Port of Newcastle on Wednesday, causing delays to the supply line, another activist who blocked six lanes of traffic by abseiling over Shepherds Bridge on Footscray Road near the Port of Melbourne, a female who glued herself to a coal loader and a man who attached himself to a monopole over Web Dock Drive at the Port of Melbourne, blocking a container terminal.

Victoria Police said officers were at the scene to ensure "there are no breaches of the peace and community safety". They have since arrested and charged the protestors for unregulated high-risk activities, trespassing and committing public nuisance.

Williams, A. (2023). MORE PROTESTS AT MELBOURNE, NEWCASTLE MARK FIVE DAYS OF DISRUPTIONS. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/ports/more-protests-at-melbourne-newcastle-mark-five-days-of-disruptions/> on 23rd June, 2023.

PACKING DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS CLARIFIED

Please be advised of a critical piece of the minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy as issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department), specifically in relation to Annual Packing Declaration (APD) validity and which parties may issue them.

The intent of section 4.5.2 is that the packing declaration must be issued by the exporter who packed the goods in the container, or the supplier who packed the goods in the container, or the packer who packed the goods in the container. A packer is an entity who packs the goods into a container or observes the container being packed for export to an Australian territory

As extracted from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy:

4.5.2 Information requirement for annual packing declarations

Annual packing declarations must:

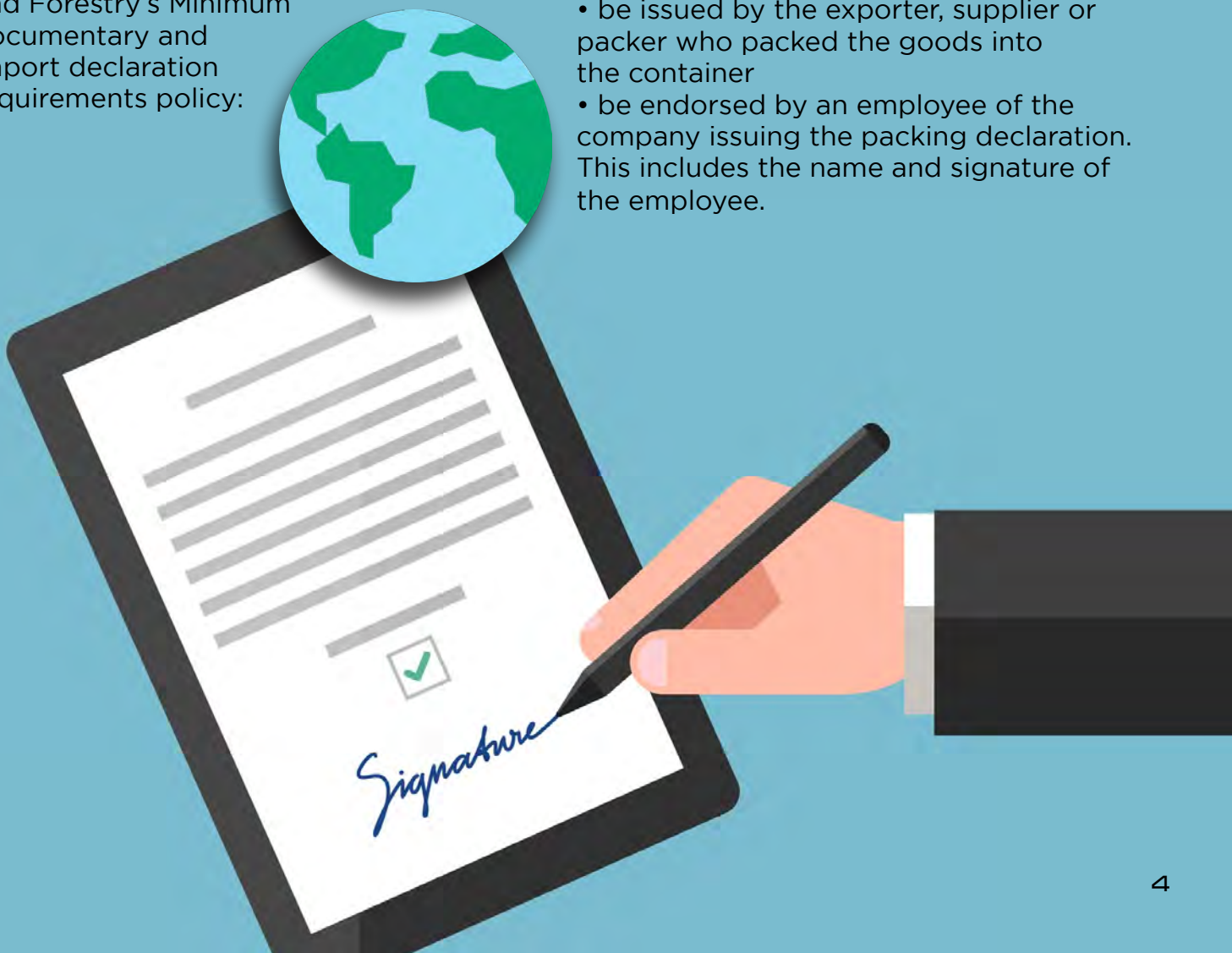
- contain all statements required by the Non-commodity information requirements policy
- be issued by the exporter, supplier or packer who packed the goods into the container
- be endorsed by an employee of the company issuing the annual packing declaration.

This includes the name and signature of the employee.

4.5.5 Documentation information for consignment-specific packing declarations

Packing declarations must:

- contain all statements required by the Non-commodity information requirements policy
- be issued by the exporter, supplier or packer who packed the goods into the container
- be endorsed by an employee of the company issuing the packing declaration. This includes the name and signature of the employee.



RELEASE OF DRAFT 2023-24 BIOSECURITY COST RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has issued Industry Advice Notice 133-2023 advising of proposed changes to the biosecurity cost recovery implementation statement (CRIS).

What has changed?

The department has completed its comprehensive review of the biosecurity cost recovery arrangement. The outcome proposes changes to existing regulatory charging to align fees and charges with the cost to deliver biosecurity and imported food activities. These changes are set out in the draft 2023-24 CRIS.

The purpose of this notice is to advise industry:

- That the draft CRIS has been published on the department's website and includes proposed fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities, set to come into effect from 1 July 2023.
- The proposed fees and charges become final when amendments to relevant charging legislation have been approved.

Proposed new fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activity

The department consulted widely with industry and the public between 27 March and 1 May on proposed changes to biosecurity and imported food regulatory charging.

Almost 50 submissions were received from stakeholders and presented to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, for consideration to inform a decision on the proposed fees and charges. The full list of approved fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory can be found [here](#).

An example of two of the charges are:

Type of charge	Charge point	Unit	Current Price (\$)	New Price (\$)
	Full Import Declaration charge – air	Per import declaration	38	43
	Full Import Declaration charge – sea	Per import declaration	58	63

Draft 2023-24 biosecurity cost recovery implementation statement

The draft 2023-24 CRIS contains the Minister's approved fees and charges necessary to provide the level of regulatory activity that meets current volumes and risks. The CRIS will remain in draft until the Federal Executive Council has approved the legislative amendments which will give effect to the new fees and charges and amendments to definitions for certain regulatory activities.

Next steps

Following approval of the legislative amendments, the final CRIS will be published on the department's website. New fees and charges for biosecurity and imported food regulatory activities are expected to commence on 1 July 2023.



DUTY REFUND PROCESS

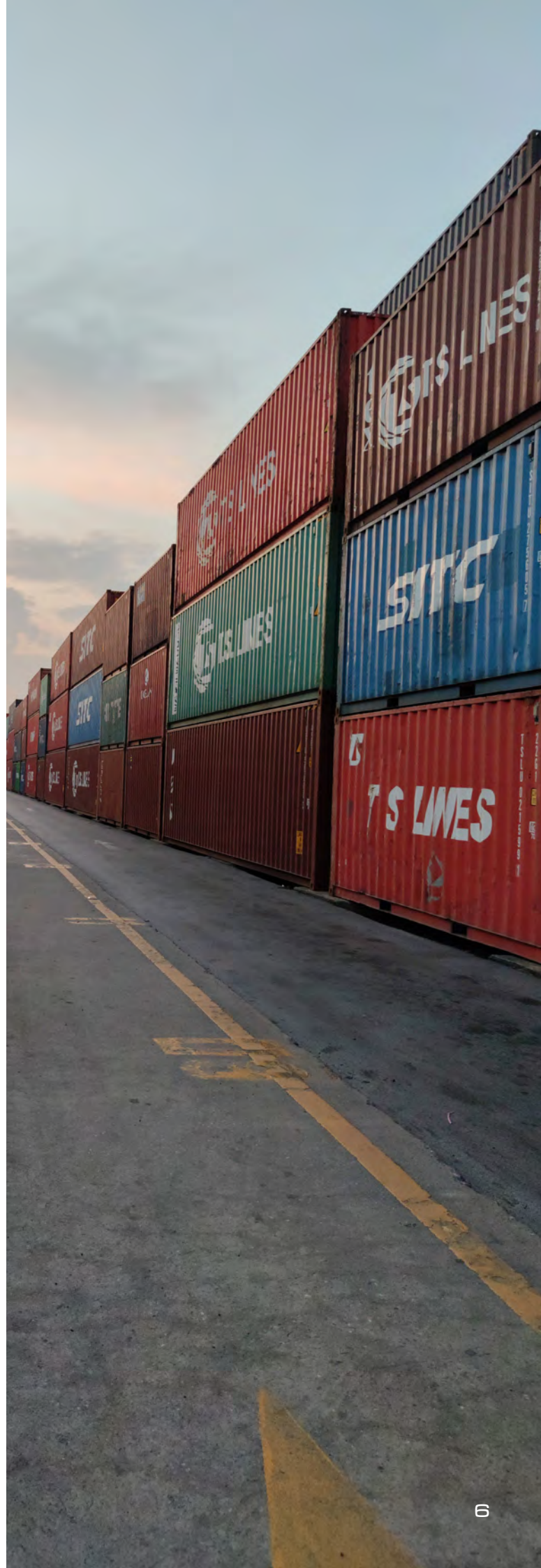
Tomax is legally bound by the Australian Border Force and trusted trader obligations to provide accurate information for Customs reporting, with strict liability offences in force (Customs Notice 2004/05).

Tomax also has an obligation to lodge all import declarations at least 48 hours prior to the first port of arrival. It is the importers responsibility to provide all the information required for the import declaration before the declaration is made.

If a CoO is not provided with the documentation the entry will be lodged with duty payable. The CoO for this shipment was not received until after the entry was lodged and the invoice sent out.

When a CoO is received after lodgement the Broker is required to reassess all documents along with the CoO to ensure the details are accurate and the CoO can be applied. This is another assessment and lodgement and is billed out as another clearance/agency fee.

If you have any queries regarding late CoOs or the duty refund process fee, do not hesitate to contact one of our friendly Tomax team members on 1300 186 629. Thank you!



UNITED NATIONS ADOPTS HIGH SEAS TREATY

The High Seas Treaty, a marine biodiversity agreement supported by the International Chamber of Shipping and the International Maritime Organisation, has now been formally adopted by the United Nations.

The treaty, which became legally binding on Monday (19 June), establishes regulations aimed at safeguarding marine biodiversity in the global oceans beyond national boundaries. In March this year, a “significant breakthrough” occurred which saw nearly 200 nation states reach an agreement on the final text of the treaty. The International Chamber of Shipping emphasised that this formal adoption marks the realisation of an international, legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, focusing on the conservation and sustainable utilisation of marine biological diversity in areas outside national jurisdiction (known as the BBNJ agreement).

Emily Rowley, the ICS policy manager (legal), who has represented the ICS in BBNJ discussions at the United Nations for more than five years, expressed satisfaction with the adoption of the High Seas Treaty. “There is still a way to go of course before it comes into effect, as 60 member states need to ratify, but this is without question a significant moment and should be celebrated,” she said.

ICS has been representing the shipping industry in the discussions to ensure the international maritime community is engaged and considered. The organisation also aims to support the government’s understanding of the International Maritime Organisation’s role as shipping’s global regulator.

Ms Rowley said, “from a shipping industry’s perspective, the High Seas Treaty agreement takes into account the IMO’s role and is intended to cover gaps in ocean governance. It will help ensure that emerging high seas industries will be as well-regulated as shipping is by IMO, with the detail of any measures that may be needed for ships to be discussed and agreed at IMO. Fundamentally the agreement should enhance cooperation and coordination between UN agencies and other global and regional regulators of activities on the high seas. This will foster a holistic approach to the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystems in areas where no one State is responsible for preserving them. It is important for shipping that the oceans are properly regulated and managed. The BBNJ Agreement is a meaningful step forward in ensuring that the oceans are used sustainably and conserved for present and future generations.”

Williams, A. (2023). ICS WELCOMES UN ADOPTION OF HIGH SEAS TREATY. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/law-regulation-trade/ics-welcomes-adoption-of-un-high-seas-treaty/> on 20th June, 2023.

VIC GOV BOLSTERS PHARMA SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE

According to the Victorian government, the state is responsible for nearly 60% of Australia's pharmaceutical exports – making it the country's highest-value advanced manufactured export. As such, the Victorian government is bolstering pharmaceutical supply chain resilience with an investment of \$12.3 million. The funds aim to support the growing mRNA industry by helping researchers at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre develop ground-breaking new mRNA cancer treatments.

“Victoria is already a world leader in medical research and mRNA technology – researchers are now one step closer to leading mRNA therapies for treatments for cancer that will change the lives of cancer patients and their families,” Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews says, “researchers at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre are building our mRNA industry to not only save lives, but also to create secure jobs for workers across the state.”

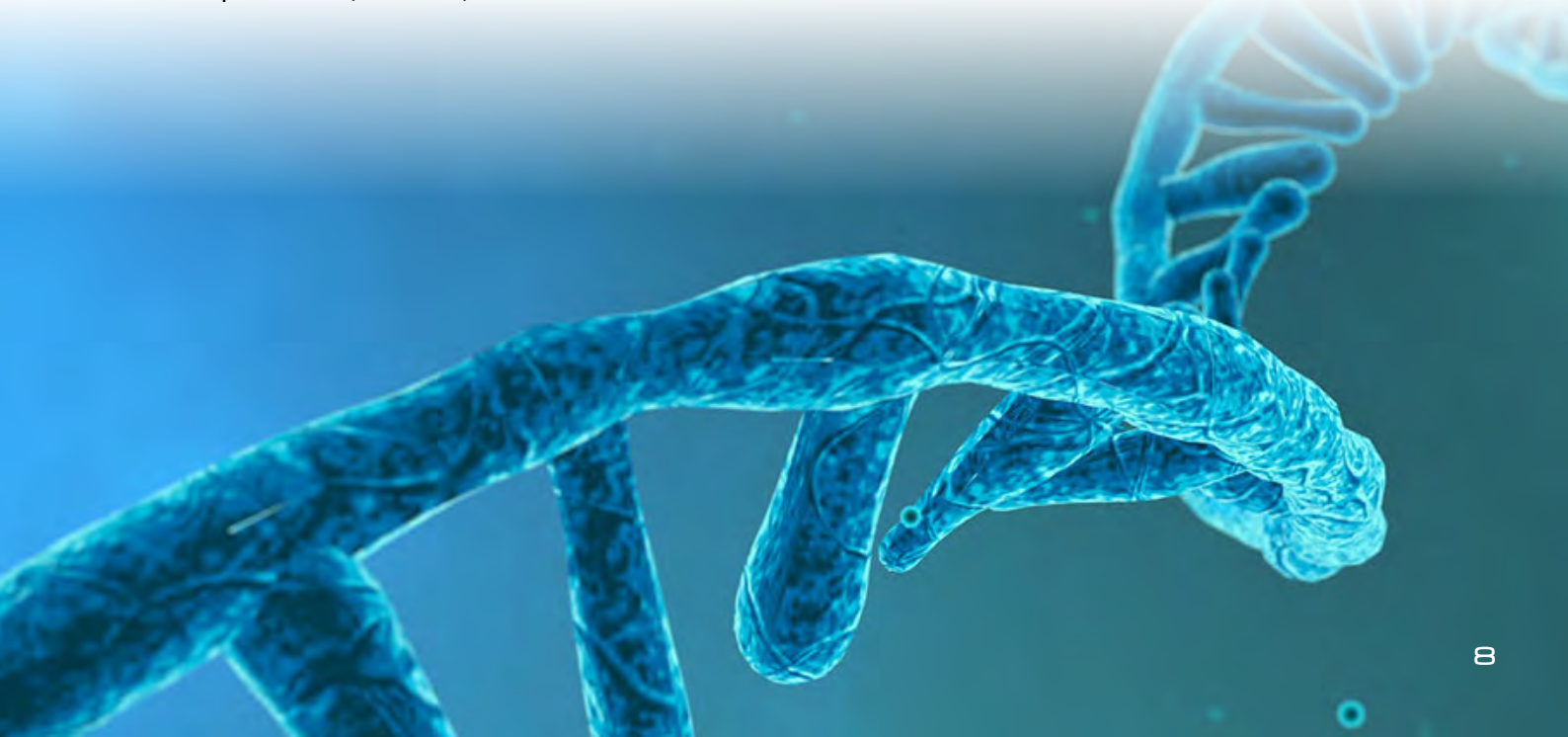
Additionally, the Victorian government will be investing \$1 million in the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre so it can continue to develop mRNA treatments for various cancers which are difficult to treat such as prostate, bowel, and breast cancer.

Sixteen projects across Victoria will share \$2.7 million for research into mRNA treatments for a range of health conditions and diseases, including different types of cancer, tuberculosis, malaria and Parkinson's Disease. The fund provides one-off grants of up to \$500,000 to support research that targets infectious diseases like COVID-19, as well as non-communicable diseases like cancer, metabolic diseases, degenerative diseases, and auto-immune diseases.

The Victorian government has invested \$12.3 million in the Victorian Budget 2023/24 to develop mRNA technology and has built on its \$1.3 billion investment in medical research since 2014, creating more than 100,000 secure jobs and training opportunities in the state's biotech sector.

“The potential for mRNA to treat cancer is huge,” advised Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre CEO Professor Shelley Dolan, “our world-renowned researchers are building on decades of research excellence to harness the power of mRNA to treat cancer, with benefits for millions of cancer patients worldwide.”

Misuraca, J. (2023). Vic gov invests in pharma supply chain resilience. Retrieved from <https://mhdsupplychain.com.au/2023/06/23/victoria-exports-almost-60pc-of-pharmaceuticals/> on 23rd June, 2023.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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What is your role at Tomax?
I am a Courier Driver.

Your hobbies and interests?
All sports!

Which destinations have you been to?
I have been to China.

If you could eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Chocolate!

What do you believe is the greatest invention of all time?
Trains.

Describe yourself in 3 words?
Loyal, reliable and funny.

A life motto you live by?
Loyalty.

Settle the debate!
Does pineapple belong on pizza?
Yes!

FRIDAY FUNNIES

We hope these chilly winter jokes warm you up with laughter!

What did the icy road say to the car?

Want to go for a spin?

How do snowmen read their texts?

With an icy stare.

If you live in an igloo, what's the worst thing about global warming?

No privacy.

Which side of a polar bear has the most fur?

The outside.

What do snowmen win at the Olympics?

Cold medals!

How do snowmen pay for their meals?

With cold, hard cash.

How do polar bears make their beds?

With sheets of ice and blankets of snow.

What is the best breakfast cereal to eat in the winter?

Frosted flakes.

What does a barista's job title change to in winter?

A brrr-ista!

Why did the boy only wear one snow boot?

He heard there was a 50% chance of snow.

What can you catch with your eyes closed?

A cold.

What bites but doesn't have teeth?

Frost.

What do you get when you milk a cow in the winter?

Ice cream.

How did the snow globe feel after listening to a scary story?

A bit shaken up!

What did the tree say after a long winter?

What a re-leaf!



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