MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT
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Consultation submission form

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on:

Enabling electronic trade documents in New Zealand

Please provide your feedback by **5pm, Sunday 6 December 2026**

When completing this submission form, please provide comments and supporting explanations for your reasoning where relevant. Your feedback provides valuable information and informs decisions about the proposals.

All submissions will be read by MBIE officials. MBIE may also use AI to summarise content and identify key themes. All AI outputs will be subject to human review. We appreciate your time and effort taken to respond to this consultation.

Instructions

To make a submission you will need to:

1. Fill out your name, email address, phone number and organisation. If you are representing an organisation, please provide a brief description of your organisation and its aims, and ensure you have the authority to represent its views.
2. Fill out your responses to the discussion document questions. Where possible, please provide us with evidence to support your views. Examples can include references to independent research or facts and figures.
3. If your submission has any confidential information:
    i. Please state this in the email accompanying your submission, and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld and the grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (Official Information Act) that you believe apply. MBIE will take such declarations into account and will consult with submitters when responding to requests under the Official Information Act.
    ii. Indicate this on the front of your submission (e.g. the first page header may state “In Confidence”). Any confidential information should be clearly marked within the text of your submission (preferably as Microsoft Word comments).
    iii. Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and may, therefore, be released in part or full. The Privacy Act 1993 also applies.
    iv. Provide an alternative version of your submission with confidential information removed in both Word and as a PDF, suitable for publication by MBIE.
4. Submit your feedback:
    i. By email to digitaltrade@mbie.govt.nz
    ii. By mailing your submission to:

Trade and Supply Chains Policy
Building, Resources and Markets
15 Stout Street
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140
New Zealand

Please direct any questions that you have in relation to the submissions process to digitaltrade@mbie.govt.nz.

Submitter information

MBIE would appreciate if you would provide some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the section below, it will be used to help MBIE understand how different sectors view the options for enabling the use of electronic trade documents. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

Your name, email address, phone number and organisation

Name:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	
Organisation:	

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☐ I would like my submission (or identifiable parts of my submission) to be kept confidential, **I have stated** my reasons and ground under section 9 of the Official Information Act that I believe apply (for consideration by MBIE), and I have provided an alternative version of my submission with confidential information removed (suitable for publication by MBIE).

Questions for the consultation

Q1. Do you agree there is a legislative gap regarding electronic trade documents?

[insert response here]

Q2. What impact do paper-based trade documents currently have on your organisation?

[insert response here]

Q3. Do you agree with the objectives of the proposed reform?

[insert response here]

Q4. Which implementation option do you prefer and why?

[insert response here]

Q5. Do you support the preliminary preference for Option 2?

[insert response here]

Q6. Which documents should be within scope of any reform?

[insert response here]

Q7. What risks or implementation challenges should government consider?

[insert response here]

Q8. Should carriage of goods by sea provisions be consolidated into the CCLA?

[insert response here]

Q9. What transitional arrangements or implementation support would be required?

[insert response here]

Q10. Any other comments?

[insert response here]