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Barbara Cooper is currently the Assistant Secretary, Exports Division within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Ms Cooper is responsible for the maintenance and delivery of Australia's export certification systems including implementation of electronic certification (e-Cert).

Ms Cooper has worked on Australia's e-Cert initiative since 2003. She was the Co-Lead of the e-Cert Project Team at the United Nations Centre of Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business resulting in the ratification of the UN/CEFACT standard for e-Cert. She is the co-chair of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Certification and Inspection Systems (CCFICS) Working Group considering work within the committee to develop guidance on the use of electronic certificates and paperless initiatives. Ms Cooper has responsibility for the development of Australia's ePhyto solution and is the Chair of the Project Advisory Committee supporting the development of the ePhyto Hub.

Ms Cooper has oversight of Australia's export documentation system redevelopment – with the objective being to modernise and streamline electronic systems and automate to the extent possible.