Australian Government

**Department of Agriculture and Water Resources**

**State of Play**

**Transitioning from Paper-based to automated SPS systems**
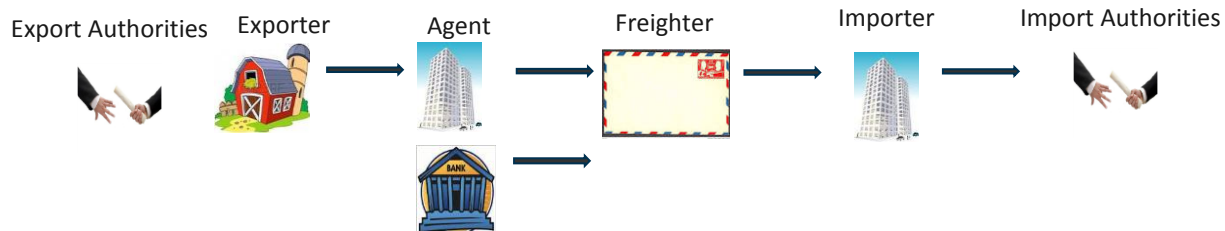
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**THE JOURNEY**

- Fraud

- The Web

- Just in Time

- Brand Protection

- Risk Assessment

- Environment

# Document Flow

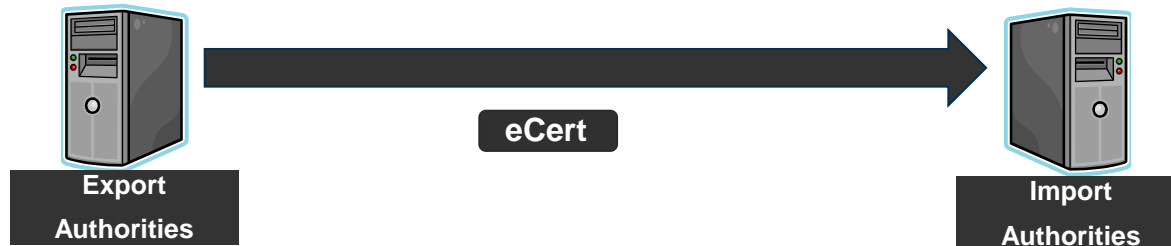**Paper Certificate Process – 6 to 15 days**

Export Authorities    Exporter    Agent    Freighter    Importer    Import Authorities

Print at Regional Office

**Export System**

**eCert Process – 1 Minute to 4 Hours**

eCert

Export Authorities

Import Authorities

eCert Direct to Importing Country

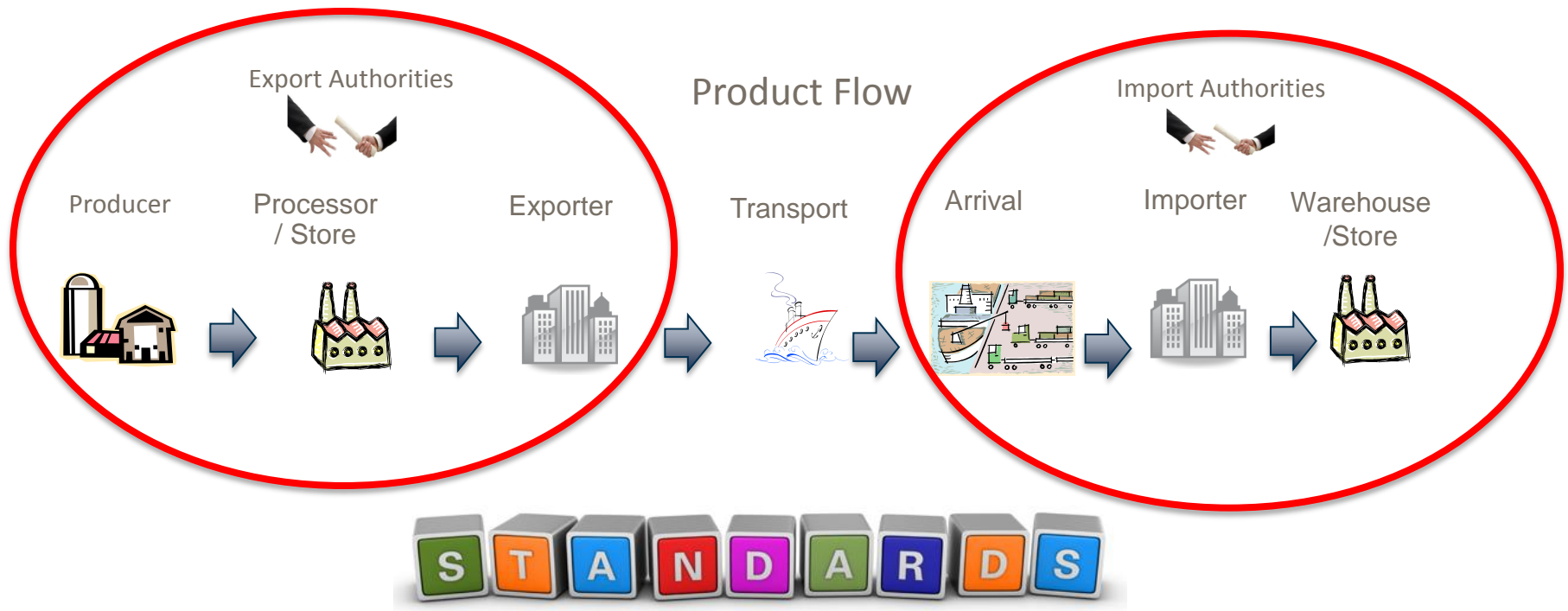# Why is it Important to transition to Electronic Systems

To ensure authenticity of product

Exchange information G2G

Use of information to manage import clearance

Support trade and industry

Remove Paper Certificates

Export Authorities

Product Flow

Import Authorities

Producer

Processor / Store

Exporter

Transport

Arrival

Importer

Warehouse /Store

STANDARDS

## Business

**Codex**

**IPPC**

**OIE**

## Data

**UNCEFACT**

**UN RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ISO**

**SPS Chapter**
**Article 7.12: Certification**
**7. The Parties shall promote the implementation of electronic certification and other technologies to facilitate trade.**

**CODEX – Developing guidance material to support implementation of paperless systems for food safety**

**IPPC – Designing and developing the ePhyto Hub and Generic Software to support implementation of phytosanitary certificates**

**OIE –considering the development of model electronic certificates, to allow for easier development and exchange of eCert between multiple countries.**

A good beginning makes a good ending