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Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand to Amend Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA)

Treaty between the Government of Australia and the People's Republic of China on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters

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  - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
  - (ii) a Minister; and
- c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.



## List of abbreviations

A&W	Albright and Wilson (Australia)
AFGC	Australian Food and Grocery Council
ANZCERTA	Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
AUSFTA	Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement
CER	Closer Economic Relations
CTC	Change of Tariff Classification
Cth	Commonwealth
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
FCAI	Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
HS Code	Harmonized system of Tariff Codes
NIA	National Interest Analysis
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
ROO	Rules of Origin



RVC	Regional Value Content
SCOT	Commonwealth – State/Territory Standing Committee on Treaties
STPP	sodium tripolyphosphate
TAFTA	Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement
TCF	Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry
TFIA	Textile Fashion Industries of Australia
UA	Unilever Australasia
US	United States of America



## List of recommendations

### 2 Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement with New Zealand to amend Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement

#### Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends Austrade make greater use of its database of businesses to consult at a business level as was done during the negotiations for AUSFTA.

#### Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand to amend Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA) of 28 March 1983* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### 3 Mutual Assistance Treaty with China

#### Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Treaty between Australia and the People's Republic of China on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters* (Canberra, 3 April 2006) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

