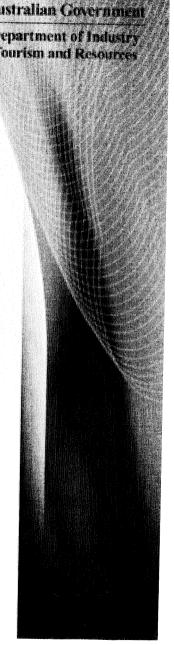


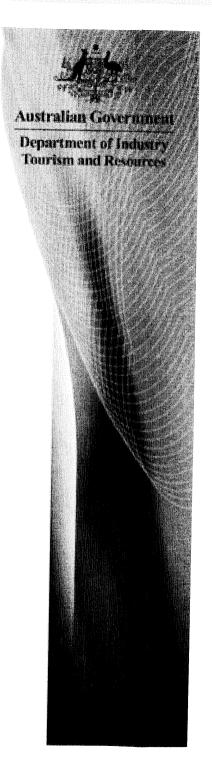
TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme

Initial Industry Consultations February 2004 – March 2004

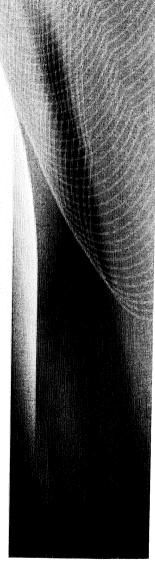


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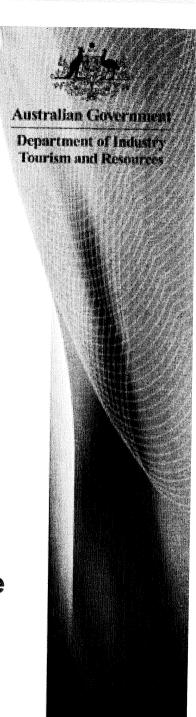
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- Announced on the 27 November 2003, the \$747m
 TCF Post 2005 Assistance Package includes:
 - \$600m 10 year extension of TCF SIP Scheme
 - Including \$25m for Small Business grants
 - \$50m 10 year Structural Adjustment Fund
 - \$50m 10 year Import Credit Scheme
 - \$27m 5 year extension of EOAP
 - \$20m Supply Chain Program 5 years from 2010
- These assistance measures are contingent on the legislation of the Tariff Reduction Schedule



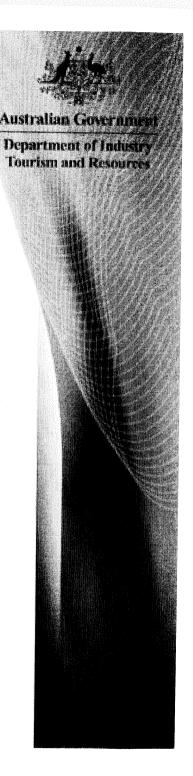


Tariff Reduction Schedule

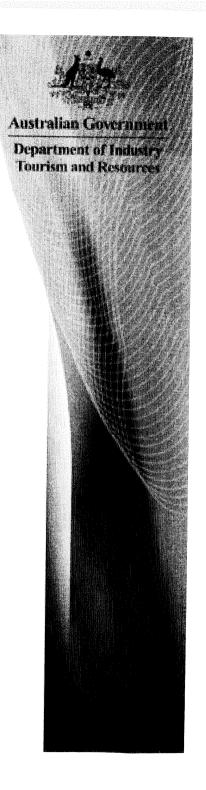
	2005	2010	2015
Clothing and finished textiles	17.5%	10%	5%
Cotton sheeting, fabrics, carpet, and footwear	10%	5%	5%
Sleeping bags, table linen and footwear parts	7.5%	5%	5%
Other (eg yarns, leather)	5%	5%	5%



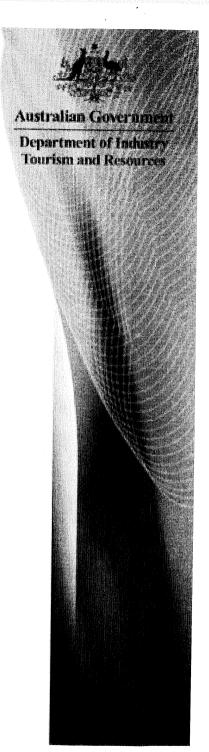
- \$25m Small Business Program (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)
 - 2005 to 2015
 - Available to small TCF firms who are unable to access TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme
 - Competitive grants program



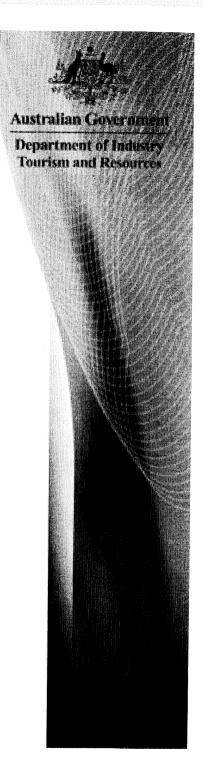
- \$50m Structural Adjustment Fund (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)
 - 2005 to 2015
 - To encourage restructuring and reduce the burden of transition experienced by firms, workers and communities, particularly in TCF dependent regions



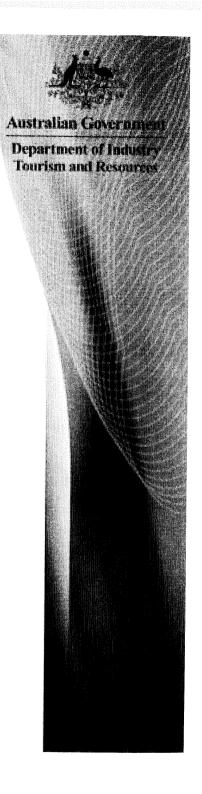
- \$50m Import Credit Scheme (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)
 - 2005 to 2015
 - Only available to manufacturers of clothing and finished textiles
 - Encourage firms to internationalise their supply chains
 - TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme registered firms increasing production will accrue non-transferable duty credits for the import of clothing and finished textile items
 - Up to \$5m in credits will be issued each year



- \$27m 5 year extension of EOAP
 - In place, has been extended to 2010
 - Duty forgone of around \$5 \$6m pa
 - Provides a duty concession for the Australian content of finished products imported into Australia after processing offshore

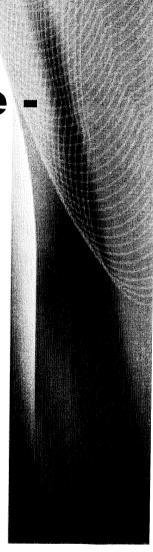


- \$20m Supply Chain Program (TO BE DEVELOPED)
 - 2010 to 2015
 - Competitive grants program
 - Support major capital investments which strengthen the local supply chain for the clothing and finished textiles sector.





2. TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme - Indicative Timeline



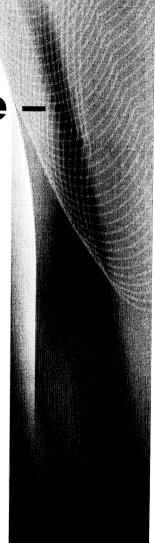
TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme - Indicative Timeline



Initial industry consultations	23 February – 1 March	
Deadline for industry comment	19 March	
Draft exposure Bill and indicative draft of Scheme released for final industry consultation	Early April	



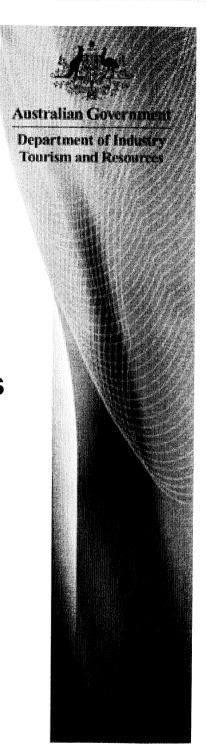
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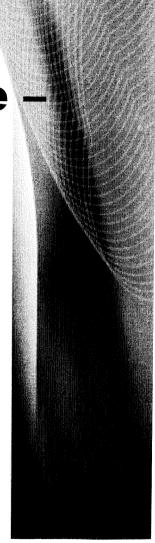
Underlying Policy Principles

- Grant funding directed according to the amount of tariff adjustment faced by firms
- Grant funding to be wound back when tariffs reach the general rate of 5%



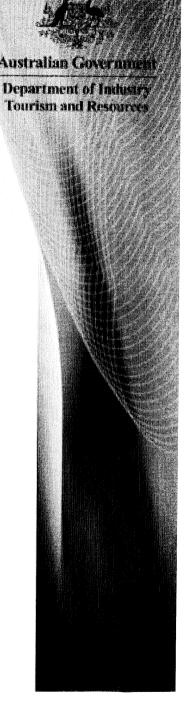


4. TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme - Transition Issues



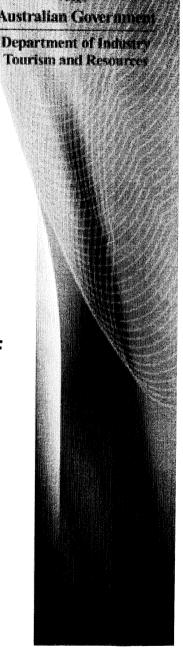
TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme -**Transition Issues**

- 5 years + 5 years funding caps
 - Funding for 2006 to 2010 is capped at \$487.5m
 - Funding for 2011 to 2015 is capped at \$87.5m
 - There will be no rollover of unallocated funds from the TCF SIP Scheme to the TCF Post 2005 **SIP Scheme**
 - There will be no rollover of unallocated funds from the 1st 5 years to the 2nd 5 years
 - There will be no rollover of unallocated funds from one year to a subsequent year in the TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme



TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme -**Transition Issues**

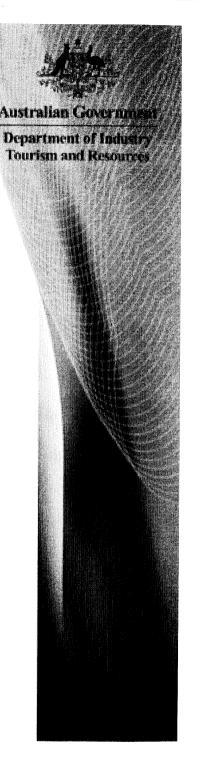
- 5% TER carryovers
 - No carryover of grant entitlements in excess of a firm's 5% TER cap from the current Scheme into the new Scheme
 - In the new Scheme there will be no carryover of grant entitlements in excess of a firm's 5% TER cap to subsequent program years



TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme – Transition Issues

Entrance Threshold

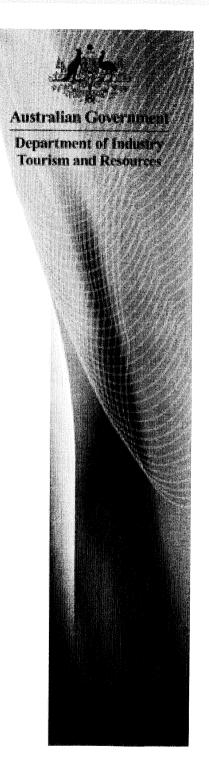
- Remain at \$200,000 worth of eligible expenditure
- Only eligible expenditure incurred in the last program year of the TCF SIP Scheme will be counted towards the \$200,000 threshold of the new Scheme
- Minimum additional expenditure threshold of \$100,000 will be removed





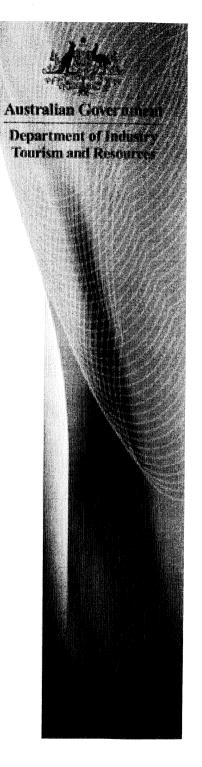
Summary of Modifications

- Rate for Type 1 grants up to 40%
- Rate for Type 2 grants up to 80%
- Type 1 will provide wider support for branding
- Clothing and Finished Textile firms able to claim non-production related IT under Type 1
- Type 3, 4 and 5 grants removed
- Expenditure on innovation for leather and technical textile products will not attract a Type 2 grant

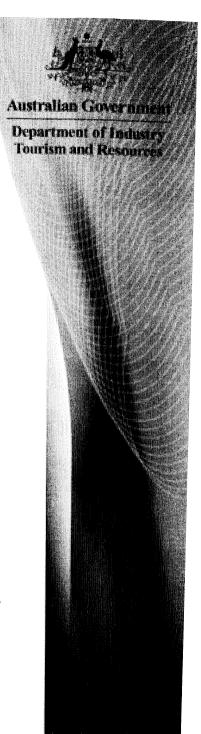


2 Grant types

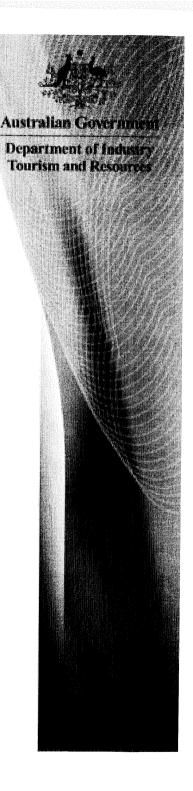
- To simplify the new Scheme there will only be two grant types for capital investment (Type 1) and innovation (Type 2)
- Value add (Type 3) grants have been removed but subsidy rates increased for Types 1 and 2
- The Structural Adjustment Fund will provide assistance for industry restructuring activities (Types 4 and 5)



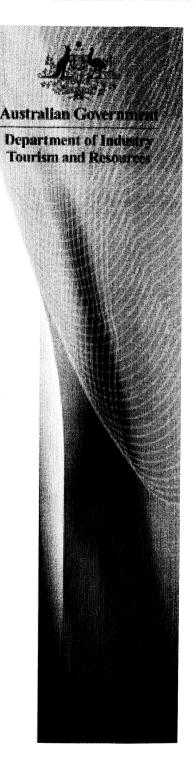
- Type 1 Grants
 - Up to 40% of eligible expenditure
 - Eligible activities as for TCF SIP Scheme (no provisions for 2nd hand equipment)
 - Additional support for branding activities
 - Same criteria as current brand support but now available for all TCF products not just innovative products
 - Maximum eligible expenditure of \$3m per firm pa
 - Additional support for non-production related IT
 - Only available to Clothing and Finished Textiles firms
 - Maximum eligible expenditure of \$2m per firm pa



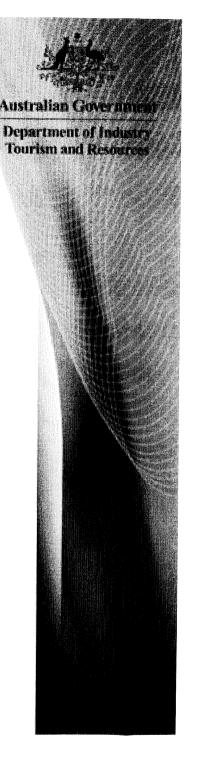
- Type 2 Grants
 - Up to 80% of eligible expenditure
 - Expenditure on innovative projects relating to technical textile and leather products is not eligible
 - No support for branding (moved to Type 1)



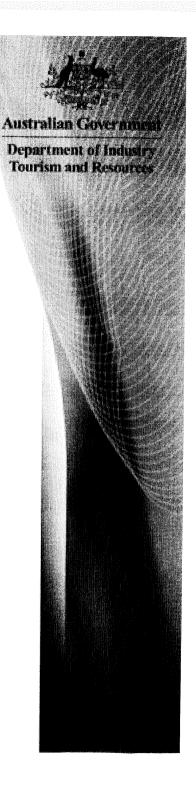
- Clothing and Finished Textiles
 - Face the greatest tariff adjustment
 - Type 1 grant: Claim for non-production related
 IT expenditure
 - 10 years access to Scheme



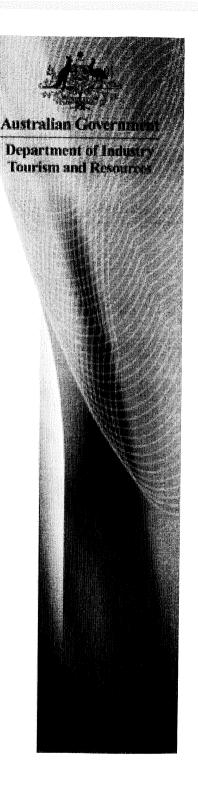
- Technical Textiles and Leather
 - Face least tariff adjustment
 - Expenditure on innovative projects relating to technical textile and leather products is not eligible for Type 2 grants
 - Can still access generic R&D programs and the R&D Tax Concession
 - Type 1 grants still available



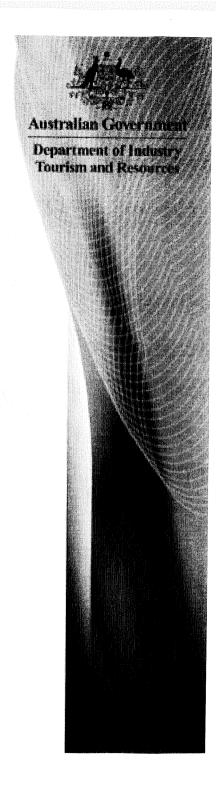
- Modulation
 - Scheme will be modulated annually
 - Impact on the timing and payment of claims



- Inclusion of Public Disclosure clause
 - Annual disclosure of a firm's total grant payments
- Electronic lodgement of registration and claim details
- Self-assessment with compliance audits



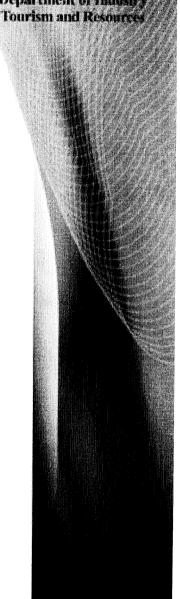
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What does this mean to me?

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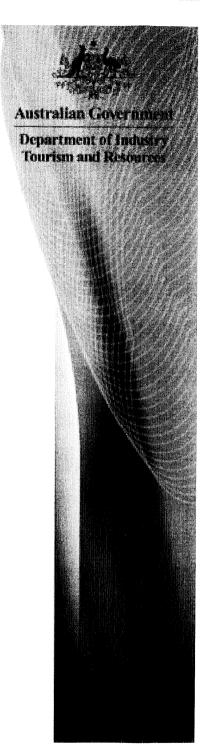
- The Department is currently developing legislation and consulting with industry
- Industry is invited to provide feedback on the policy parameters for the new Scheme
- Further consultation will occur
- We expect to have the administrative processes confirmed by the end of the year, at which point firms will be able to register for the TCF Post 2005 SIP Scheme



Industry Comments

 Industry is invited to provide feedback on the new Scheme by March 19 to:

tcfinfo@industry.gov.au



Questions?

