New UK–APAC TradeTech Reports Show Digital Trade Reduces Processing Time by 83% for SMEs

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Two new TradeTech reports released today by PUBLIC, in partnership with the UK Government, demonstrate that structured digital trade workflows are delivering measurable improvements across live trade corridors in Australia and New Zealand.

The reports form part of a broader UK–APAC TradeTech programme, testing digital trade solutions in real-world SME transactions. Across both corridors, the findings are consistent: operational friction, not tariffs, remains the primary barrier to efficient trade.

The research highlights that fragmented documentation, repeated data entry, and manual workflows continue to slow down trade execution.

Key Findings

Across live trade use cases, including Boex-enabled transactions, the programme recorded:

- **55% reduction in physical document handling**
- **60% reduction in document preparation time**
- **83% faster processing per shipment**
- **£40,535 annual cost savings for one SME exporter**

These results were observed in case studies within both reports:

- **Australia corridor**: pages 24–29
- **New Zealand corridor**: pages 31–36

Boex Case Study: From Fragmentation to Flow

Boex, a UK-built digital trade platform, was deployed in live trade between Jointine (UK) and partners in Australia and New Zealand.

Rather than changing regulatory frameworks, the improvements were achieved by restructuring how trade data is created, shared, and agreed between counterparties.

By replacing email and PDF-based workflows with a single shared digital trade record, Boex enabled:

- Elimination of repeated data entry
- Reduction in reconciliation and version control issues

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- Clear, auditable trade execution across all parties

The findings reinforce a key insight from the programme:

> Trade efficiency gains are driven not by reducing compliance, but by structuring data and workflows correctly from the outset.

A Shift from Theory to Operational Trade

The programme demonstrates that TradeTech has moved beyond pilot environments and into live commercial trade.

UK solutions, including Boex, Phlo Systems, Trade Harmonizer, and Spot Ship, were tested across multiple corridors, delivering consistent outcomes:

- Faster and more reliable trade execution
- Reduced administrative burden for SMEs
- Improved data accuracy across the trade lifecycle
- Lower operational costs

These results confirm that structured, interoperable digital workflows can be applied across different geographies and sectors, supporting more predictable and scalable trade.

Looking Ahead

As TradeTech adoption grows, the focus shifts from legal enablement to operational implementation. The reports highlight the need for:

- Interoperable digital standards
- Collaboration across governments, logistics providers, and SMEs
- Continued investment in scalable trade infrastructure

With these elements in place, the UK–APAC corridor presents a strong foundation for wider global adoption.

Where to Find Boex in the Reports

Boex features as a core case study in both publications:

- **Australia Report**: Case Study pages **24–29**

- **New Zealand Report**: Case Study pages **31–36**

About Boex

Boex is a digital trade platform that transforms commercial agreements into secure, legally enforceable digital transactions. By replacing fragmented document workflows with structured, shared trade records, Boex reduces administrative burden, improves accuracy, and accelerates trade execution for SMEs.

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