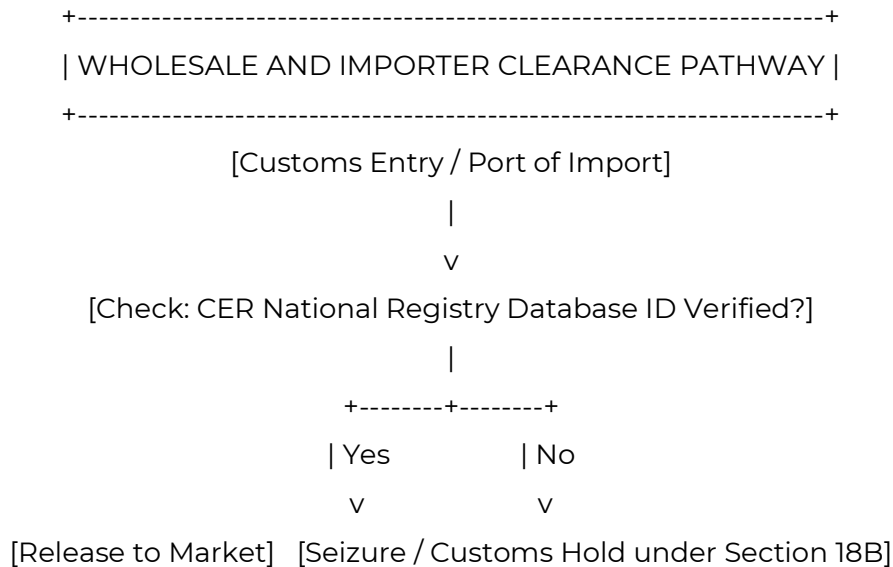


ABTS PHASED OPERATIONAL TRANSITION & ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS

To guarantee compliance without placing an unnecessary administrative burden on localized installation businesses, enforcement mechanisms are applied directly at the manufacturer, importer, and wholesale allocation levels.



Importer Customs Auditing Protocols

Under Schedule 1, Section 18B of the Clean Energy Regulator Amendment (Battery Transparency) Bill 2026, the Australian Border Force (ABF) will maintain an automated verification link with the Clean Energy Regulator's database.

When a commercial shipment of stationary energy storage equipment arrives at an Australian port of entry, the customs manifest must include the active ABTS registration ID.

Shipments lacking verified compliance documentation will be subject to an immediate administrative hold, preventing non-compliant equipment from entering domestic wholesale supply chains.

Local Government and Retail Compliance Checking

During the mandatory safety inspection required for grid-connected battery systems, electrical inspectors must verify the physical presence of the weather-resistant ABTS label on the system's enclosure.

The inspector must scan the embedded QR code to confirm that the unit's serial number matches a valid entry on the Clean Energy Regulator's database.

If the label is missing, altered, or unverified, the inspector will withhold grid connection approval and notify the relevant state safety regulator (e.g., Energy Safe Victoria, SafeWork NSW), preventing the system from operating or generating financial credits.