Westpac Importing & Exporting

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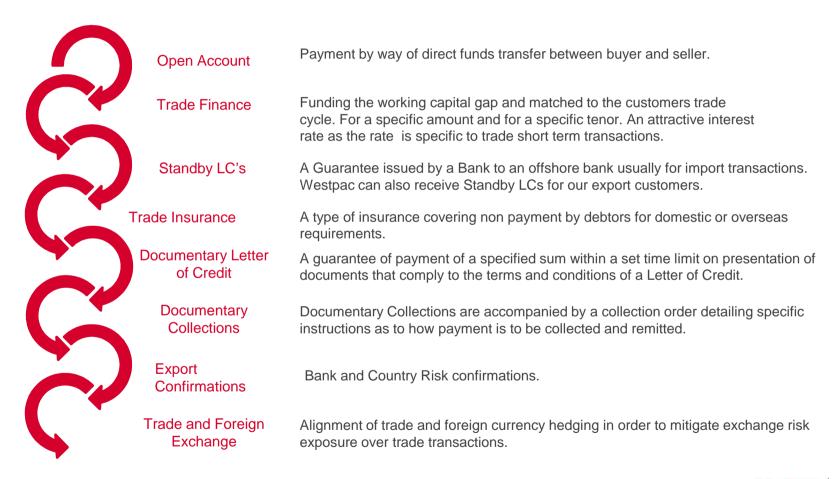
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Items for consideration





Methods of Payment



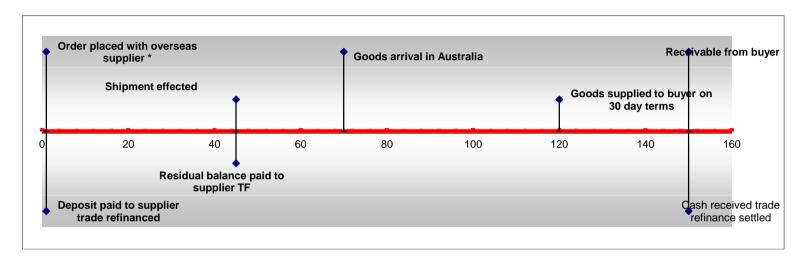
Trade finance may be leveraged against working assets in the balance sheet pending conversion into cash via an ongoing line of credit facility or on a more structured approach.

- § Short term, fixed rate finance for businesses that Buy and /or Sell goods and / or equipment from overseas and domestically.
- § Available in Australian dollars and most major currencies
- § Fixed term to match that of the underlying trade transaction or cash cycle.



Trade Cycle

Operating Cycle, Cash Cycle & Exchange Rate Risk Strategy.



	Day	Event
Operating Cycle	1	Order placed with overseas supplier
	45	Shipment effected
	70	Goods arrival in Australia
	120	Goods supplied to buyer on 30 day terms
	150	Receivable from buyer

Cash Cycle

1	Deposit paid to supplier trade refinanced	
45	Residual balance paid to supplier TF	
150	Cash received trade refinance settled	

A trade cycle analysis can determine the best working capital requirement to meet a funding gap and also include an exchange rate risk strategy.

*The exchange rate can be locked in prior to order placement upon commencement of risk.

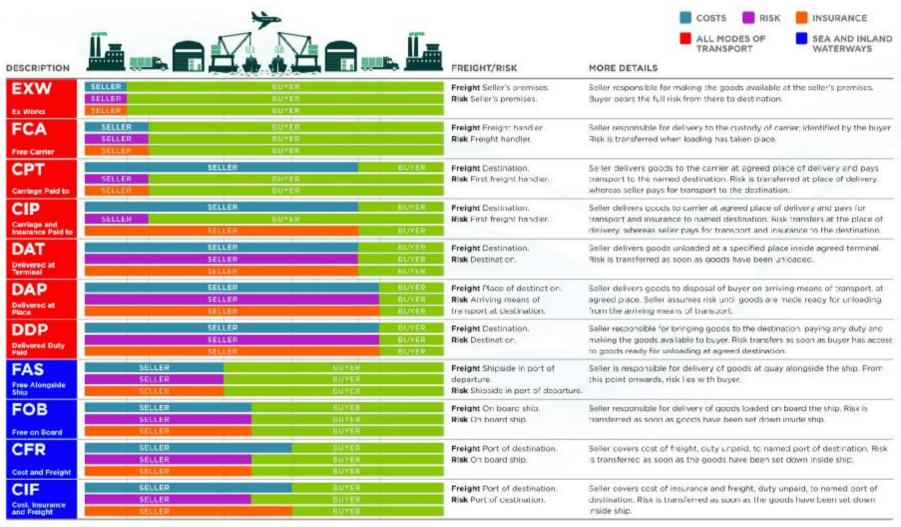


The Risks

- § Currency Mismatches occur as soon as a firm commitment in a foreign currency as agreed with your trading partner. Common perception is that currency mismatches (or foreign currency exposure) occurs at the actual time the order is placed and payment is made. It may however be prior to that date in the actual trade cycle.
- **Performance Risk** needs to be considered as the supplier must be able to deliver the right goods as agreed within the agreed timeframe. Inferior goods or late supplied goods can impact on the outcome of the trade dealing. Open account trade does not provide the capability to mitigate this aspect. Generally when the bank handles LCs or Collections they would include critical latest shipment dates or even requirements for certifications of quality or other aspects evidenced by the provision of third party inspection documents.
- § Damage or Loss can occur to the actual goods whilst in transit and accordingly suitable marine or other transport insurance is required in order to alleviate this potential loss situation.
- **Payment Risk** is related to the buyer/s in the event that they do not make payment for goods supplied. Debtor insurance may mitigate a component of any unpaid invoices against debtors.
- **§ Funding Mismatches** are basically the time between when the payment is required to be made by buyer to the supplier (cash out the door) until the goods are received and sold up until cash receivable.
- § Bank, Country or Political Risk is extremely important especially for exporters seeking payment from banks in overseas markets that may have an unstable banking and country (political or sovereign) risk environment. Our bank can look at the provision of "adding confirmation" to export payment instruments such as LCs in order to mitigate this type of risk..



INCO Terms – Who's pays for what?





Foreign Exchange

What is an Exchange Rate?

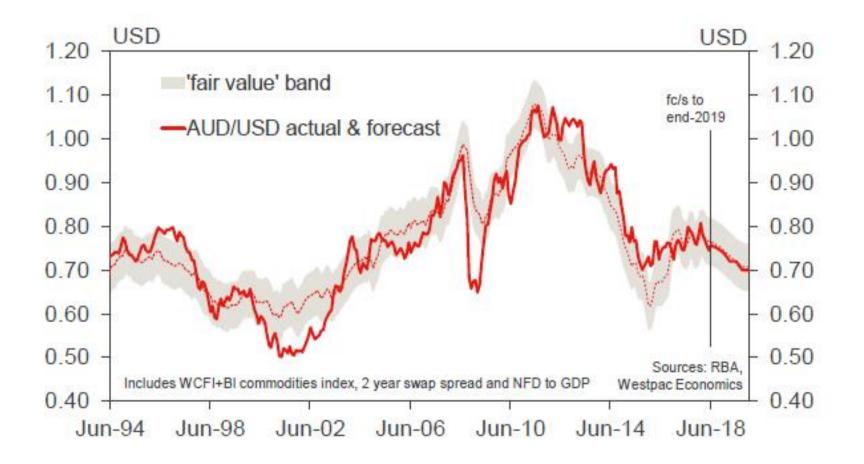
An exchange rate is the

PRICE

at which one currency is exchanged for another currency for the settlement on a specific date.



AUD/USD since 1994





Exchange Rate Risk Management

It is important for importers & exporters to understand their risk and to develop a framework to mitigate it.

- § Forward Exchange Contracts
- § Foreign Currency Options
- § Foreign Currency Accounts



Forward Exchange Contract

A Forward Exchange Contract (FEC)

is a contract between the bank and the customer who agrees to buy or sell a fixed amount in foreign currency at an agreed fixed exchange rate for a set future date.



Working Capital Considerations

- § Don't have the cash available to pay now or when they are expected to pay.
- § Whom need to hold stock on hand to meet upcoming seasonal short term, one off requirements or for indent sales.
- § Are seasonal businesses.
- § Generally have "short term" funding requirements up to 180 days.
- § Goods are of high quality and easily re-saleable.
- § Wish to avail of Supplier Discounts (to improve profitability) by paying upfront yet undertaking a payment under an arrangement with the bank at a future term.
- § May want to provide buyer terms to increase their business.

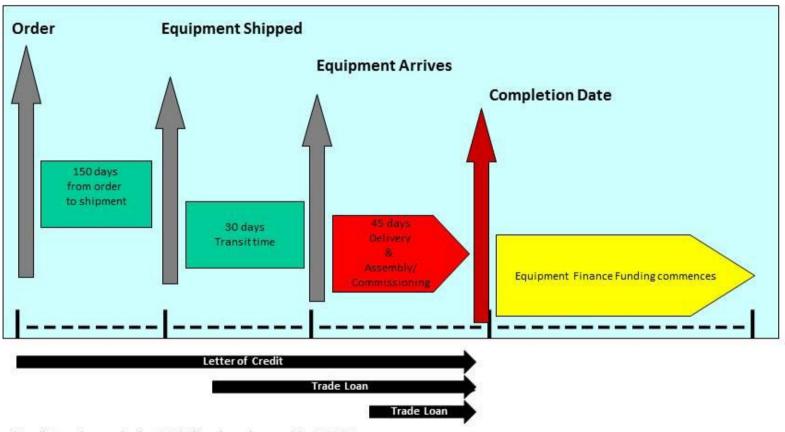


The Banks Role

- § Facilitation of import and export trade payments
 - § Receipt & control of trade documents
 - § Transfer of funds internationally
 - § Financing domestic and international trade transactions
- § Banks deal with trade documents & payments <u>not goods</u>



Import Equipment Transactions



Letter of Credit Issued on order for 100% of Invoice value payable AT SIGHT

Payment Terms - 90% upon presentation of shipping documents - Balance 10% payable upon presentation of completion of commissioning.

First Drawing under LC is funded via Trade LOAN in AUD to mature on Completion Date (an additional 14 day allowance is considered for EF Process to be completed.

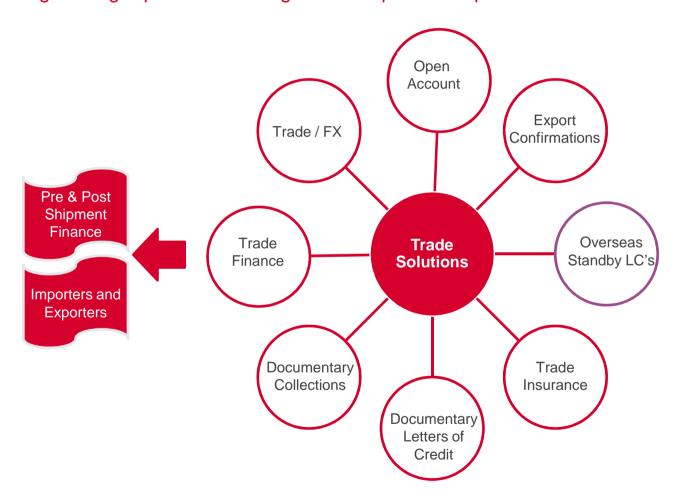
Final Drawing under LC is funded via Trade Loan in AUD to on the completion Date to coincide with other loan and take out by commercial HP Arrangements.

FX exposure is covered via FEC's to reflect timeline.

Subject to Import Tariff ?- The Value Add

Trade Finance Solutions

Providing working capital and risk mitigation for import and export businesses.





Questions?

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