

DEPA at a glance

Digital technology has transformed how we live and do business, but global trade rules and practices have not kept up with these changes.

New Zealand, Singapore and Chile are working together to support and advance trade in the digital era through the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement (DEPA).

DEPA will help establish new rules and practices for digital trade, and promote ongoing discussion on issues like digital inclusion, inclusive trade and support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the digital economy.

The agreement covers broad areas, from e-invoicing to artificial intelligence, and will continue to evolve as new digital opportunities and issues emerge.

DEPA commitments include:



Cooperation

Implement the agreement and explore how to further enhance our digital economy partnership.



SMEs and the digital economy

Share information that SMEs need to operate in the digital economy and develop a Digital SME Dialogue.



Consumer trust

Promote online consumer protection to ensure consumers have the information to trade with confidence and access to appropriate redress if things go wrong.



Digital products

Affirm existing level of commitments relating to non-discrimination of digital products and ICT products that use cryptography.



Data issues

Protect personal information and affirm existing level of commitment relating to data flows and location of computer facilities.



Innovation

Enhance and encourage innovation in the digital economy, such as through open government data.



Trade facilitation

Facilitate paperless trading, e-invoicing, e-payments and streamlined customs procedures for parcels.



Digital identities

Start discussing digital identities, and share best practice on digital identity policies and regulations.



Emerging technologies

Explore new issues, including competition in the digital economy. Promote financial technology and develop frameworks to support the safe and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.



Digital inclusion

Establish a framework for future cooperation between partners on matters of digital inclusion and inclusive trade, including new people-to-people connections among Indigenous Peoples.



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