
SCHEDULE

Designated APEC Economy

Brunei Darussalam

Canada

Chile

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Republic of Indonesia

Japan

The Republic of Korea

Malaysia

Mexico

Papua New Guinea

People's Republic of China

Peru

The Russian Federation

The Republic of the Philippines

Singapore

Taiwan/Chinese Taipei

Thailand

The United States of America

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Migration Regulations 1994

DESIGNATED APEC ECONOMIES

(Regulation 1.03)

1. This Instrument is made under regulation 1.03 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* (‘the Regulations’), definition of “designated APEC economy”.
2. Regulation 1.03 of the Regulations defines the term “designated APEC economy” to mean an APEC economy specified by Gazette Notice for the purposes of that definition.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to allow nationals of countries specified in the Instrument to be taken to have **applied for the Temporary Business Entry subclass 456 (Class UC) visa under regulation 2.07AA of the Regulations, as applicants to the APEC Business Travel Card (‘ABTC’) scheme.** The ABTC scheme provides accredited business people streamlined entry to participating economies.
4. The Instrument replaces an existing Instrument in order to expand the definition of “designated APEC economy” **to include the Russian Federation as a member of the ABTC scheme.** This ensures Australia can honour its pre-clearance obligations as Russia becomes a full member of the ABTC scheme.
5. Before the instrument was made both the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney-General’s Department were consulted.
6. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
7. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 13975).
8. This Instrument, IMMI 12/078, commences on **1 September 2012.**