

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Autonomous Sanctions Regulations 2011

Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Amendment Specification 2017

The *Autonomous Sanctions Regulations 2011* (the Principal Regulations) facilitate the conduct of Australia's relations with certain countries, and with specific entities or persons outside Australia, through the imposition of autonomous sanctions in relation to those countries, or targeting those entities or persons.

Subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations provides for the Minister to specify, by legislative instrument, certain items as 'export sanctioned goods' for Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol. These goods are listed in Schedule 1 of the *Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Specifications 2015* (the Specification) together with their corresponding Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) code.

The purpose of the *Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Amendment Specification 2017* (the Amendment Specification) is to update the AHECC codes of some of the goods listed in Schedule 1 of the Specification following amendments to the AHECC. The list of goods has otherwise remained unchanged. As such, section 4 of the Specification does not apply with respect to the amendments contained in the Amendment Specification.

No public consultation was undertaken in relation to the Amendment Specification as it does not substantially change existing arrangements.

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*

Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Specification 2015

The *Autonomous Sanctions (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol) Specification 2015* (the Specification) does not engage, and is therefore compatible with, the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.