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Trade, exports and growth – going the extra mile

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- formulating an international trade strategy
- taking the risk out of trade transactions
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- implications of new bank regulation on trade finance

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The UK economy is experiencing a slow recovery but the export markets offer significant potential to add value to your business' strategy for growth. With fewer barriers to trade than ever before and recent government measures to further boost trade and investment, businesses of all sizes are eyeing up opportunities for expanding in existing export markets and moving into new ones.

This breakfast briefing will bring the latest developments in trade and export into focus, providing practical tips for enhancing your export strategy and insight into the key challenges to be aware of when crossing international borders. Topics include:

- · taking the risk out of international trade transactions
- · assessing the financing options available for exporters
- maximising working capital in the supply chain
- · implications of new bank regulation on trade finance

Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about balancing the risks and rewards of international trade and how accessing the export markets can help your business go the extra mile.

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Thursday 3 November

08.00 Registration and breakfast

08.30 Chair's opening remarks

Peter Matza, Head of Publishing ACT

08.40 Global trade and the world economy

- formulating an international trade strategy
- new government measures to boost exports and overseas investments
- opening the door to new export markets

Martin Cook, Director, Business Group

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09.00 Reducing barriers to trading

- taking the risk out of international trade transactions
- providing liquidity what are the financing options?
- maximising working capital in your supply chain

John Bugeja, Global Head of Trade Products RBS



"Informative, relevant and well organised with an excellent cross-section of speakers"

Yvonne Welsh, Network Rail

09.30 Managing the practical challenges

- why are trade finance instruments important?
- choosing the best financing options for your business
- preparing for the impact of Basel III on trade finance
- Will Spinney, Associate Director, Education ACT

10.00 Panel discussion

Chair Peter Matza, Head of Publishing ACT

The panel

Nigel Addison Smith, Finance Director ECGD

John Bugeja, Global Head of Trade Products RBS

Martin Cook, Director, Business Group UK Trade & Investment

10.30 Chair's closing remarks End of breakfast briefing

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