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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO PERMIT EXEMPTIONS UNDER REGULATION 13(2) OF THE STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL) REGULATIONS

As part of our continuous efforts to enhance Singapore's strategic goods control system, Singapore Customs has reviewed the permit exemptions under Regulation 13(2) of the Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations (SGCR).

2 With effect from 1 Jan 2015, the permit **exemptions will not apply** to the transshipment or bringing in transit of the strategic goods listed in the Fourth & Fifth Schedule of the SGCR. Please refer to the **ANNEX** for the list of items. For a full list of item descriptions, you may wish to refer to the Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2013 at: <http://www.customs.gov.sg/NR/rdonlyres/177959A4-7BC3-42C1-BA7B-455A29FACCDE/0/StrategicGoodsControlOrder2013.pdf>.

3 We would also like to remind you that the current requirement for a strategic goods permit for the transshipment and bringing in transit of items intended or likely to be used, wholly or in part, for or in connection with the production or development of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) remains unchanged.

4 In addition, the controls and prohibitions made under other domestic legislations remain unchanged. This includes the prohibitions under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (RIER) that gives effect to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions.

5 Generally, for the transshipment or bringing in transit of strategic goods, the person who issues the through bill of lading or through air waybill, or the person acting on his behalf, should ensure that a permit is applied **well in advance** with a complete set of supporting documents for the transfer of the strategic goods. This would allow ample time for assessment by Singapore Customs and avoid last minute shipment delays.

6 For ease of compliance with the new requirements, you are strongly encouraged to review your current processes and make the necessary adjustments when the new regulations are effected. More information is provided in Box 1.

Box 1: Summary of new requirements with effect from 1 Jan 2015

Transshipment of strategic goods:

- a. The Fourth Schedule to the SGCR will be expanded. A strategic goods transshipment permit (Message/Declaration Type code = TNP/TTI or TNP/TTF) is required for the transshipment of items listed in this Schedule, with no exemptions.
- b. Some new items include lithium isotope separation facilities, chlorine trifluoride (ClF₃), certain machine tools and their specially designed software, and certain pressure sensors and their related technology.
- c. Information security systems, equipment and their specially designed inspection and production equipment under Category Codes 5A2 and 5B2 will be removed from the Fourth Schedule.
- d. The permit application should be submitted at least 5 working days **before the loading** of goods onto the conveyance on which the goods are to be brought out of Singapore.

Transit of strategic goods:

- a. A new Fifth Schedule will be added to the SGCR. A strategic goods transit permit (Message/Declaration Type code = TNP/TTF) is required for the bringing in transit of items listed in this Schedule, with no exemptions.
- b. The items in this Schedule include military items and more sensitive dual-use items such as arms, ammunitions, military vehicles, special fissile materials, certain pumps and valves, as well as their related software and technology.
- c. The permit application should be submitted at least 5 working days **before the arrival** of the conveyance on which the goods are to be brought in transit into Singapore.

Please note:

For more information on the permit declaration procedures, you may wish to refer to:
<http://www.customs.gov.sg/NR/ronlyres/PDF/TN4-1ProceduresforSTSPermits.pdf>

7 If you have any further enquiries, clarifications or feedback, please email to customs_stgc@customs.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_stgc@customs.gov.sg.

REGULATION 13(2) OF THE STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL) REGULATIONS**(DRAFT)**

	FOURTH SCHEDULE (GOODS THE TRANSHIPMENT OF WHICH THE EXEMPTION UNDER REGULATION 13(2)(a) DOES NOT APPLY)	FIFTH SCHEDULE (GOODS THE BRINGING IN TRANSIT OF WHICH THE EXEMPTION UNDER REGULATION 13(2)(b) DOES NOT APPLY)
Goods specified in the following Category Codes in Division 2 of Part I of the Schedule to the Strategic Goods (Control) Order:	ML1;	ML1;
	ML2;	ML2;
	ML3;	ML3;
	ML4;	ML4;
	ML6;	ML6;
	ML7;	ML7; and
	ML8;	ML8.
	ML9; and	-
	ML10.	-
Goods specified in the following Category Codes in Division 2 of Part II of the Schedule to the Strategic Goods (Control) Order:	0A, 0B, 0C, 0D, 0E;	0A, 0B, 0C, 0D, 0E;
	1A202, 1A225, 1A226, 1A227;	1A202, 1A225, 1A226, 1A227;
	1B201, 1B225, 1B226, 1B227, 1B228, 1B229, 1B230, 1B231, 1B232, 1B233;	1B201, 1B225, 1B226, 1B227, 1B228, 1B229, 1B230, 1B231, 1B232, 1B233;
	1C202, 1C210, 1C216, 1C225, 1C226, 1C227, 1C228, 1C229, 1C230, 1C231, 1C232, 1C233, 1C234, 1C235, 1C236, 1C237, 1C238, 1C239, 1C240, 1C350 [ONLY 1C350.1. to 9., 11., 12., 13., 17., 18., 19., 21., 22., 23., 26. to 36., 38., 46., 51., 52., 54. to 57., 59., 63.], 1C351 [ONLY 1C351.a.2., 4., 5., 7., 8., 10. to 17., 19., 31., 1C351.b.1., 3., 4., 1C351.c.1., 2., 3., 4., 7., 8., 9., 13., 1C351.d.1., 2., 4. to 7., 12.], 1C352 [ONLY 1C352.a.1. to 4., 9., 10., 12., 14., 15., 17., 1C352.b.], 1C354 [ONLY 1C354.b.1., 5., 1C354.c.1.], 1C450;	1C202, 1C210, 1C216, 1C225, 1C226, 1C227, 1C228, 1C229, 1C230, 1C231, 1C232, 1C233, 1C234, 1C235, 1C236, 1C237, 1C238, 1C239, 1C240;

1D201;	1D201;
1E201, 1E202, 1E203;	1E201, 1E202, 1E203;
2A225, 2A226;	2A225, 2A226;
2B201, 2B204, 2B206, 2B207, 2B209, 2B219, 2B225, 2B226, 2B227, 2B228, 2B230, 2B231, 2B232;	2B201, 2B204, 2B206, 2B207, 2B209, 2B219, 2B225, 2B226, 2B227, 2B228, 2B230, 2B231, 2B232;
2D201, 2D202;	2D201, 2D202;
2E201;	2E201;
3A201, 3A225, 3A226, 3A227, 3A228, 3A229, 3A230, 3A231, 3A232, 3A233;	3A201, 3A225, 3A226, 3A227, 3A228, 3A229, 3A230, 3A231, 3A232, 3A233;
3E201;	3E201;
6A202, 6A203, 6A205, 6A225, 6A226; and	6A202, 6A203, 6A205, 6A225, 6A226; and
6E201.	6E201.