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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

**CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS
AND GOODS IN TRANSIT FROM OR TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations, the importation into, exportation from, or transshipment or transit through Singapore of any goods which will contravene the decisions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in resolutions made under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, are prohibited.

2 With the adoption of the UNSC Resolutions 2270 (2016) and 2321 (2016), Singapore has updated the scope of prohibition on the importation into, exportation from, or the transshipment or transit through Singapore of certain goods from or to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

3 The updated prohibitions have been published in the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2017**¹. These Regulations take effect on **31 Jul 2017**.

Permit Applications for Imports from and (Re-)exports to the DPRK

4 Traders should note that **any** goods which are imported from, exported or re-exported to the DPRK would require a TradeNet® permit to be applied **at least 3 working days** before the intended date of shipment. You are also reminded to comply with any stipulated permit conditions.

¹ Besides the prohibition of goods in relation to the DPRK, the Seventh Schedule of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations also lists the prohibition of goods in relation to other countries or territories that are sanctioned by the UNSC.

Penalties

5 Under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (RIEA), any person who contravenes any of these prohibitions shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to –

- a) a fine of not exceeding S\$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both, on the first conviction; and
- b) a fine of not exceeding S\$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both, on the second or subsequent conviction.

More Information

6 Details on the UNSC sanctions can be found at: <https://www.customs.gov.sg>
> Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions.

7 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

Yours faithfully

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