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To Traders and Declaring Agents

AMENDMENTS TO DUTIABLE DIESEL DESCRIPTION

We wish to inform you that with effect from 24 July 2018, the descriptions of the type of dutiable diesel under the HS codes for “Automotive Diesel Fuel” and “Other Diesel Fuels” will be revised as follows:

HS Code	Description	Excise Duty
2710.19.71	Automotive diesel fuel	\$1.00 per dal of diesel fuel conforming to the standard for sulphur for such diesel fuel specified in Part I of the Eighth Schedule to the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations (Cap. 94A, Rg 6)
2710.19.72	Other diesel fuels	\$1.00 per dal of diesel fuel conforming to the standard for sulphur for automotive diesel fuel specified in Part I of the Eighth Schedule to the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations (as if such diesel fuel were automotive diesel fuel)

3 Please refer to Annex A for a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The list of dutiable goods may be found at www.customs.gov.sg > Businesses > Valuation, Duties, Taxes & Fees > Duties & Dutiable Goods > List of Dutiable Goods.

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_documentation@customs.gov.sg.

FAQ

Q1: What is the reason for the amendments to the description of dutiable diesel?

A1: The amendments are to provide greater clarity on the types of dutiable diesel under the HS codes for “Automotive Diesel Fuel” and “Other Diesel Fuels”. Based on the amended Customs (Duties) Order, duty is imposed on all diesel which conforms to the standard for sulphur for diesel under the Environmental Protection and Management Act, regardless of end use. This is effectively diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less.

Q2: What is the reason for imposing duty on diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less?

A2: The imposition of duty on diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less is in accordance with the Environmental Protection and Management Act. Under the Environmental Protection and Management Act, diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less are allowed for use in Singapore.

Q3: What is the reason for imposing duty on marine diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less that are supplied to outgoing vessels?

A3: Duty is imposed on all diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less, regardless of end use.

At present, diesel with sulphur content of more than 10ppm is not taxed. Based on bunker sales data in 2016, marine diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less makes up less than 2% of total bunker sales. Hence, most marine users will not be affected by the amendment. We will continue to monitor fuel developments in the maritime industry and in other International Maritime Centres.

Q4: With the green initiatives by MPA, I have started using the lower sulphur content diesel fuel for my business. Am I entitled to duty exemption if I use automotive diesel fuel for my boats since I want to comply with the green initiatives?

A4: Duty is imposed on all diesel which conforms to the standard for sulphur for diesel under the Environmental Protection and Management Act, regardless of end use. This is effectively diesel with sulphur content of 10ppm or less. As such, there is no duty exemption for automotive diesel fuel used for boats.

Q5: How do I determine the HS code for the diesel I am importing or the type of diesel which my goods fall under?

A5: Automotive diesel fuels are classified in HS Code 2710.19.71. Other diesel fuels such as those for industrial and marine uses are classified in HS Code 2710.19.72. Mixtures containing biodiesel would be classified in HS Code 2710.20.00 or 3826.00.90 depending on the composition of the mixtures.

Q6: What are the changes in permit applications?

A6: There is no change to the procedures for submission of TradeNet permit applications.