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To: All Traders and Declaring Agents

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT FROM/TO ERITREA

We wish to inform you that in accordance with the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1907 (2009), the importation from Eritrea into Singapore, and the exportation from, transshipment and bringing in transit through Singapore to Eritrea of the following items is prohibited under the Regulation 6(2)(d) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (RIER):

- (a) The imports of any arms or related matériel.
- (b) The exports, transshipments and goods in transit of any arms or related matériel, including weapons; ammunition; military vehicles; military equipment; and paramilitary equipment, and spare parts of any of these items.

2 Traders are advised to refer to the webpage of the UNSC Sanctions Committees for updates on UNSC Resolutions made under Chapter VII of the UN Charter at: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/index.shtml>. Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the RIER, importation into, exportation from, transshipment in or transit through Singapore of any goods which will contravene the decisions of the UNSC in resolutions made under Chapter VII of the UN Charter are prohibited. As such, prohibitions take effect from the dates on which the UNSC Resolutions are adopted, and not from the dates of the circulars.

Clarification on TradeNet[®] Permit Application Requirements

3 Traders who wish to import, export or tranship **any non-prohibited and non-controlled goods** from/to Eritrea are required to submit the TradeNet[®] permit applications at least 3 working days before the intended date of shipment from/to Singapore.

4 For export and transshipment of **strategic goods and technology** to Eritrea, traders are required to submit a TradeNet[®] strategic goods Tier 1 permit application at least 5 working days before the intended date of shipment from Singapore.

5 An approved permit would have to be obtained **prior to** the intended shipment regardless of the type of goods.

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by assuring the integrity of the trading system*

Penalties

6 Any person who contravenes any of the prohibitions shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable –

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

7 For further enquiries and clarifications, please email us at customs_documentation@customs.gov.sg.

Yours sincerely



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