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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

**CHANGES TO SECURITY REQUIREMENTS UNDER DECLARING AGENT  
GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

On 7 Jan 2013, Singapore Customs (Customs) implemented the Declaring Agent Governance Framework with the aim to raise the overall proficiency and professionalism of the industry.

- 2 Some of the key elements under the Declaring Agent Governance Framework are:
- a. New declarants have to take and pass a competency test on customs procedures and documentation before they can be registered;
  - b. Declaring agents have to undergo an assessment appraisal during initial registration and renewal;
  - c. Declaring agents have to renew their Declaring Agent registration on a regular basis; and
  - d. Upon renewal, Customs will accord declaring agents a declaring agent grade based on their assessment appraisal and their compliance records with Customs.

3 More information on the Declaring Agent Governance Framework can be found on the [Customs Website](#) (under Businesses > Registering to Trade > Registration Procedures > Register as Declaring Agent or Declarant).

4 Declaring agents who are accorded a better declaring agent band will enjoy a longer registration validity period and lower or waiver of security requirements. We have reviewed the security requirements and the details can be found on the [Customs Website](#) at <http://www.customs.gov.sg/> (under Businesses > Registering to Trade > Registration Procedures > Security Lodgement).

5 Customs Circular No. 16/2012 dated 3 Dec 2012 is rescinded.

Yours faithfully

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