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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT TO AND FROM SOUTH SUDAN AND ERITREA

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 2428 (2018)¹ and 2444 (2018)², Singapore has updated the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the Regulation of Imports and Export Regulations to update the various trade prohibitions imposed by the UNSC.

3 The updated prohibitions have been published in the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2019**³. These Regulations take effect on **9 Feb 2019**.

Permit Applications for Items Exported to, Transhipped or Brought in Transit to South Sudan through Singapore

4 In conjunction with the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2428 (2018) on South Sudan, any export, transshipment, and transit of **arms and related material** with South Sudan **is thus prohibited** under the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations.

5 For other goods which are **not prohibited** for export to South Sudan under the exceptions outlined in the UNSC Resolution⁴, traders would need to apply for a

¹ [https://undocs.org/S/RES/2428\(2018\)](https://undocs.org/S/RES/2428(2018))

² [https://undocs.org/S/RES/2444\(2018\)](https://undocs.org/S/RES/2444(2018))

³ Besides the prohibition of goods in relation to South Sudan, 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.

⁴ For example, this resolution does not apply to the supply, sale or transfer of arms and related materiel intended solely for support of or use by UN personnel, non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, etc. Please refer to UNSC 2428 (2018) Operative Paragraph 5 for the list of non-prohibited items.

TradeNet® permit before the intended date of shipment. You are also reminded to provide the necessary supporting documents (e.g. invoice, packing list, sales contract), and comply with any stipulated permit conditions.

Permit Applications for Items Imported from, Exported to, Transhipped or Brought in Transit to Eritrea through Singapore

6 In conjunction with the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2444 (2018) on Eritrea, which has lifted the sanctions imposed on Eritrea in previous resolutions 1907 (2009), 2023 (2011), 2060 (2012) and 2111 (2013), the import, export, transshipment, and transit of **arms and related material** with any person in Eritrea is no longer prohibited. The listed prohibition has been **removed** from the Seventh Schedule of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations.

Penalties

7 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

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

9 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: sso.agc.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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