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Singaporean woman fined \$9,000 for making false declaration in export permit

A Singaporean woman was sentenced by the State Courts on 29 April 2021 to a fine of \$9,000, in default 36 days' imprisonment for making a false declaration in an export permit. Suhaily Binte Sajili, 35, director of a freight forwarding company Mac Cargo Pte Ltd (Mac Cargo), pleaded guilty to one charge of making false declaration in an export permit.

Facts of the Case

In December 2019, Singapore Customs received information from the Directorate General of Customs and Excise of Indonesia on an attempt to smuggle two vehicles from Singapore into Indonesia. Investigations traced the shipment to one export permit declared by Mac Cargo which was falsely declared to Singapore Customs to contain "13.98 tonnes of refractory bricks" when it contained two luxury vehicles.

Investigations revealed that the director was engaged by an unknown person to export the two luxury vehicles to Indonesia. In return, she received about S\$2,000 for arranging to export the shipment, including making a declaration for the shipment's export permit. The director claimed that she received instructions from the same unknown person to declare the items as "refractory bricks", despite being fully aware that they were luxury vehicles.

Traders Must Make Truthful Declarations

“Singapore Customs does not condone traders submitting false import or export declarations and making use of our port and logistics facilities for transnational smuggling. Stern actions will be taken against errant traders to maintain Singapore’s status as a trusted global trade hub,” said Head of Trade Investigation Branch Mr Goh Hoon Lip.

Under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act, any person who makes any false declaration will be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

Members of public with information on smuggling activities or evasion of customs duty or Goods and Services Tax can call the Singapore Customs hotline on 1800-233-0000 or email customs_intelligence@customs.gov.sg to report these illegal activities.

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