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All Traders and Declaring Agents

**RETURN OF CUSTOMS PERMITS WITH MASTER ACKNOWLEDEMENT ON EXPORT/TRANSHIPMENT OF LIQUORS AND CIGARETTES BY AIR**

Air Cargo EDI system (ACES) has been successfully implemented after its parallel run. In one of its modules, loadlists are required to be submitted by the two ground handling agents, namely Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS) and Changi International Airport Services (CIAS) for the export/transhipment of liquors/cigarettes by air. It is to replace the manual return of Customs outward and transhipment permits to the Customs office.

2 We are pleased to announce that with effect from 5 Jan 99, the condition requiring the return of such permits with master acknowledgement imposed on export/transhipment of liquors and cigarettes by air will be dispensed with. This condition will hence be replaced by the existing condition (LL) requiring the submission of loadlists by agent of the aircraft through ACES within 4 days of the aircraft's departure.

3 With this change, traders are no longer required to manually return the Customs permit to the Customs office after lodging the cargo to the handling agent, thus saving them travelling time and manpower. Also, once the loadlist is submitted by the agent, the amount of Bank Guarantee (BG) debited for the consignment will be expeditiously credited back to their account for re-use, thus helping them to manage the BG account more efficiently.

4 If you need any further information or clarification, please call our Customs Service Centre at telephone 355 2000.

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