



All Traders and Declaring Agents

## **COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES: HELPLIST 9/2002**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for Help List 9/2002:

- Q1 I have been offered a quantity discount of 10% by my supplier. Should the discount be reflected in the Customs value?
- A1 Discounts given by suppliers under normal trade practices, such as cash discount and quantity discount, are acceptable deductions and can be excluded for GST computation purpose.
- Q2 Other than bank guarantees, are insurance bonds accepted as securities for payment of duty/GST?
- A2 Yes, CED accepts insurance bonds issued by insurance companies as securities with effect from 15 Jan 2002. For Customs purposes, the insurance company must be registered with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), and that the maximum liability per insurance bond does not exceed \$100,000.
- Q3 I have a consignment which has been detained at Customs checkpoint pending investigation as the GST has been under declared. Can I obtain the release of my goods as they are urgently required by my customer?
- A3 Depending on the circumstances of the case and the severity of the offence, CED may consider the application for release of the goods under a letter of undertaking.

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