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## **All Traders and Declaring Agents**

### **SALE OF SINGAPORE TRADE CLASSIFICATION, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES, 2003 PUBLICATION**

With effect from 1 Jan 2003, the Customs and Excise Department will be using the new Singapore Trade Classification, Customs and Excise Duties, 2003.

2 The new Singapore Trade Classification, Customs and Excise Duties, 2003 (STCCED 2003), publication will replace the current Singapore Trade Classification, Customs and Excise Duties 2002. The new nomenclature incorporates the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN). The HS codes used in the STCCED 2003 are harmonised at the 8-digit level and will be a common tariff nomenclature to be used by all ASEAN member countries.

3 The objective of the AHTN is to promote consistency, predictability and uniform interpretation in the classification of goods and facilitate trade among the 10 ASEAN countries. The major changes are:

- (a) Existing 9-digit HS code changed to an 8-digit level;
- (b) Number of HS codes expanded to 10,705 codes to meet the requirements of all ASEAN member countries ; and
- (c) Number of current dutiable codes increased to 309 tariff lines as a result of further subdivision from the existing dutiable codes. There is no change to the items that are currently dutiable on import (namely, liquor, tobacco, motor vehicles and motor spirits).

4 In addition to the publication of the book, a CD-ROM version of the STCCED 2003, has been developed for your use. You will find it useful in the classification of goods. Both the book and the CD-ROM will be sold as a bundled item at an attractive price of \$14.00, inclusive of GST.

5 You can purchase the publication at the following Customs offices:

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6 If you need further information, please contact our Customs Call Centre at Tel. No. 6355 2000 followed by (\*) (0).



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