



All Traders and Declaring Agents

COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES: HELPLIST 38

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 38 :

Q1 I am an MES trader. I have recently appointed a new declaring agent to declare ME declarations on my behalf. However, the declaration was rejected with an error message "Major Exporter/Bonded Warehouse". Please advise me.

A It is likely that your newly appointed declaring agent is not registered with the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS). All MES traders must register their appointed declaring agents with IRAS before such agents could declare any ME permits for them.

Q2 My warehouse is situated at Jurong Fishery Port. Can I apply for a joint Customs Transshipment/TDB Inward permit to remove a consignment of dried chillies from Jurong Free Trade Zone to my warehouse for storage pending transshipment?

A Jurong Fishery Port (JFP) is not a free trade zone (FTZ). You are not allowed to store the GST unpaid dried chillies in your warehouse at JFP pending transshipment. You may store the dried chillies in Jurong FTZ or remove them to another FTZ for storage under a Customs Transshipment permit. You may also remove and store them in a bonded warehouse under a joint Customs/TDB Inward permit.

Q3 I wish that you could advise me on common errors made in "Departure Date" that caused the rejection of a TradeNet declaration.

A The following are the common errors that caused the rejection of a TradeNet declaration:

- (a) departure start date declared is earlier than the removal start date;
- (b) departure start date declared is earlier than the submission date of declaration; and
- (c) departure end date declared is earlier than the removal end date.

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