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Licensed Warehouse Operators & Liquor Importers

COMMON ERRORS ON DUTY PAYMENT DECLARATIONS FOR LIQUORS

This circular is issued as a guide to all those involved in submitting declarations via TradeNet for removal of liquors from Free Trade Zone to licensed warehouses.

2) Product Code

2.1 When submitting an Inward Declaration to remove liquor and tobacco products from Free Trade Zone to a licensed warehouse, the declarant has to declare product codes in the declaration. Product codes for liquor are assigned according to the type of liquor product, volume of contents and country of origin. The product code for liquor and tobacco is a 13-digits alphanumeric code assigned by Customs e.g. 510CHAT0384GZ:

510	CHAT	0384	G	Z
Product Classification	Name of Product	Sequence No	Volume Code	Check Digit

2.2 This is a typical product code for a still wine produced in France. **510** (numeric) indicates the type of product is Still Wine. It is tied to **HS Code 2204 21 100**. **CHAT** (Alphabet) is the first four (4) characters of the product's name (Chateau La Lagune). **0384** (numeric) is a Sequence Number, **G** (Alphabet) is Volume Code for 0.75 litre and **Z** (Alphabet) is the Check Digit. If the same product is produced in another country, it will be given another product code. When submitting Inward Declaration for liquor and tobacco products, the produce code must be correctly declared.

2.3 Similarly, product code for tobacco products is assigned according to the type of tobacco product and country of origin, e.g. 150DUNH0177TD, **150** (numeric) indicates the type of product is Cigarette, **DUNH** (Alphabet) is the first four (4) characters of the name of product (DUNHILL), **0177** (numeric) is a sequence Number assigned. **T** (Alphabet) is a common code for tobacco products and **D** (Alphabet) is the Check Digit.

2.4 The TradeNet System will reject the declaration if the product code is not correctly declared.

3 Removal Permit

3.1 When submitting a declaration for removal of dutiable liquor products between the licensed warehouses, the declarant to declare the alcoholic strength if the liquors to be removed are Other Spirituous Beverages, Sake, Samsoo, Brandy, Whisky, Gin, Vodka and Rum with Alcoholic Strength exceeding 46% and Liqueur with Alcoholic Strength exceeding 57.1%. The tested alcoholic strength as given in the Chemist report is to be declared if the liquor has been tested by the Department of Scientific Services.

3.2 If the liquor to be removed is not tested, the alcoholic strength to be declared should be based on the alcoholic strength earlier declared in the **II permit**.

4) Place of Release

4.1 When submitting direct duty payment declaration (ID/DI) on liquor products which have been granted waiver of test by Customs, the “**Place of Release**” should be one of the following Free Trade Zones (FTZ):

CA (Changi FTZ)
KZ (Keppel FTZ)
JZ (Jurong FTZ)
SZ (Sembawang FTZ)
PPZ (Pasir Panjang FTZ)

4.2 If payment of duty is made on liquors to be released from the licensed warehouse, “**Place of Release**” will be LW No. eg. LW265.

5 If you need further clarification and information, please call Mr Toh Cheng Ho, Liquor/tobacco Officer at Telephone No. 355 2103.

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