



COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES: HELPLIST 33

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 33 :

Q1 I have submitted a Duty Payment Declaration for payment of an imported consignment of wine. However, the declaration was rejected with an error message, "DSS Analysis Report Is Required". Why is this so?

A All liquor, both imported and local, have to be analysed by the Department of Scientific Services (DSS) before duty payment can be made through TradeNet system. This means that the lot which you are paying duty has not been analysed.

Q2 I have re-exported a diesel engine which I had imported for repair some time ago under a Customs Temporary Inward permit with declaration purpose 'TR'. Nevertheless, I have received a query from Customs that the engine has not been re-exported. Why is this so?

A The reason is that you have declared 'I' instead of "TR" as the declaration purpose in the Outward Declaration. The declaration purpose of Outward permit should tally with that of Inward permit. You should therefore declare the declaration purpose as "TR" in your Outward Declaration.

Q3 I sent my Singapore registered car to Germany for repair. When my car is returned, shall I pay the Customs duty and GST again?

A You may be exempted from the payment of Customs duty and GST on the re-importation of the car provided that you are still the original owner and the car is re-imported within 3 months from the date of exportation. The exemption granted shall be applicable only to the original parts of your car re-imported subject to payment of customs duty and GST on the cost of new parts added or replaced including cost of workmanship, freight/insurance charges for the export and re-import of the car, fees for emission and windscreen tests and all other incidental charges.

Q4 Operating as an air-express courier company, time is the key factor to our business success. Will you please advise us on the quicker way to move our consignments from Johor Bahru to the Singapore Changi Air-Cargo Complex for transshipment.

A You may make prior arrangement with Customs Documentation Branch to expedite clearance of your goods. A blanket transshipment permit is to be taken out to effect the consignments. The cargoes must be conveyed in a sealable "bonded truck" (approved by the Customs & Excise Department) on which Customs seals will be affixed at Woodlands Checkpoint for subsequent verification by Customs at Changi Air-Cargo Complex.

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