

Circular No: 25/96 dated 19 Aug 96

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All traders , freight forwarders,

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :  
HELPLIST 13**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 13:

Q1	My company has purchased one lot of auction cargo from the PSA. The cargo is now lying in the Pasir Panjang FTZ (PPZ). We would like to re-export the cargo through the Keppel FTZ (KZ). What type of permit should I apply?
A	Please apply for a Joint Customs White Transshipment/TDB Outward permit (Joint OT) to remove your cargo from PPZ to KZ for export. Please key '3' (by road) in the "Inward transport mode" field, 'SG' in the "country of origin" field and 'SGSIN' in the "port of loading" field. The reason for declaring '3' as "Inward transport mode" i.e. 'auction cargo purchased from PSA' must be stated in the remarks.
Q2	On Saturday afternoon, after transmitting a Joint Customs White Transshipment/TDB Outward permit with the 'Departure start date' declared as Sunday, I went home. On Monday morning, when I came to work and tried to retrieve the permit, I received the error message 'Departure date'. Why is this so and what should I do now?
A	As your declaration is for transshipment of goods through an unmanned place, it can only be processed on-line by Customs during office hours. Since Customs could only process this declaration on Monday morning at the earliest, the declared 'Departure start date' has become earlier than Customs' processing date. Please re-transmit the declaration with the 'Departure start date' keyed as the following Monday's date.
Q3	I have a shipment of heavy machinery which will be discharged at Pandan River which is not an authorised landing place. What shall I declare in the "place of release" field in the Customs Payment permit?
A	Please write to the Marine and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to seek approval to discharge the cargo at Pandan River. Please fax the approval letter from MPA, invoice, packing list and bill of lading together with the written request to discharge the goods to Dy Head Appraisement Section, Documentation Branch at Fax No: 065-2509606. After Customs has given its approval for the discharge of the cargo at Pandan River, please transmit a Customs Payment permit

	<p>(IG) with the "place of release" indicated as 'O'. The name and address of the place of release must be declared. The approved IG permit should be faxed to Dy Head Appraisal Section, Documentation Branch for reference.</p>
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