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All Traders and Declaring Agents

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :
HELPLIST 26**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 26:

Q1	My company has been granted the Major Exporter (ME) status with effect from 1.9.97. When my declaring agent transmitted a ME declaration for my import, it was rejected with the error message "Major Exporter/Bonded Warehouse Scheme". Why is this so?
A	Your declaring agent had transmitted the declaration before the effective date of your ME status. The transmission was therefore rejected. Please ensure that your ME status is effective before transmitting a ME declaration.
Q2	I am a foreign visitor in Singapore. I have a yacht which is in transit to New Zealand by sea. Can I declare the permit for transshipment of my yacht by myself without using the services of a forwarding agent?
A	Only companies which are registered for TradeNet purposes can declare permits for import, export and transshipment of goods. You will need a forwarding agent who is a registered TradeNet user to declare the permit for you if you are not registered as one.
Q3	I would like to import a motor car from Thailand to Singapore by road for repairs. What is the procedure for doing so?
A	Please declare a Joint Customs-TDB Inward permit with declaration purpose "TR". The same item must be re-exported under a Joint Customs-TDB Outward permit within 3 months of its importation. A bank guarantee (BG) with a quantum equivalent to 100% of the potential duty and GST is required to be lodged with Customs prior to declaration of the permit. The BG may either be lodged by you or your declaring agent.
Q4	I have transmitted a Customs Pink Transshipment declaration (TP) for the transshipment of my containers from KZ (Keppel FTZ) to PPZ (Pasir Panjang FTZ). It was rejected with an error message "Container no". Why is this so?
A	The permit could be rejected because you had declared more than one container

	<p>number in your declaration. Please apply for a separate Customs Pink Transshipment permit for each of your containers.</p>
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