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All Traders and Declaring Agents

## **STANDARDISATION OF WEIGHT FOR DUTIABLE CIGARETTES AND CIGARS**

Previously, importers of dutiable cigarettes and cigars have to apply for standardisation of weight of such tobacco products for payment of Customs duty and GST. The standardised weight is based on the average of the last 3 test weighing conducted by Customs within the past 12 months.

2 To further facilitate the payment of Customs duty and GST on dutiable cigarettes and cigars, Customs will, with effect from 24 Nov 2000, notify importers of such imports whenever the duty/GST payment can be based on the standardised weight. It is no longer necessary for the traders to apply for standardisation of weight for their imported cigarettes and cigars.

3 The approval for standardisation is subject to the condition that there is no change to the product specifications. You are required to promptly inform Customs if there is any changes in specification. Failure to inform Customs of such change will constitute an offence under the Customs Act. Customs reserves the right to revoke this approval and to recover any short payment of customs duty and/or GST.

4 If you require further information, please contact Customs Call Centre at telephone number 355 2000 followed by (\*)(0).

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