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COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES: HELPLIST 11/2000

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 11/2000 :

- Q1 I would like to enquire whether a licence is required to import a wine-making machine for home brewing.
- A1 For the import of a wine-making machine, you need to apply for a licence to ferment or brew wine from the Customs and Excise Department. The licence fee payable is \$28,000.00 per annum.
- Q2 Operating as a forwarding agent, time is a key factor to our business success. Can you please advise us on the quicker way to apply for Customs supervision of unstuffing/stuffing of containers?
- A2 Customs has automated and streamlined the process. You should submit your application through e-filing. You are allowed to select your preferred timeslot for Customs supervision at 8.45 a.m, 10.30 a.m, or 2 p.m on a weekday or 8.45 a.m on a Saturday and you will be informed of the status of the application promptly upon submission. The system allows you to apply for customs supervision 6 days in advance. Amendment or cancellation can also be made. This facility provides you with certainty that customs officers are available at your preferred date and time of supervision. Hence, pre-planning of your business operations could be achieved.
- Q3 My client intends to import 10 cartons of hard liquor meant for supply to vessels as sea stores. How do I make my declarations using the e-filing facility?
- A3 You would first need to apply for a product code through our Customs website at www.gov.sg/customs by clicking on the icon labelled "Application for liquor/tobacco product code". Once the application is approved, you can then take out a Customs Inward Permit (II) to remove the liquor from FTZ to a licensed warehouse. You are required to mark the bottles with the legend "Singapore Duty Not Paid". Please apply to Head warehousing to label the bottles before they can be released as ship stores to vessels. The release of the consignment from the licensed warehouse to the vessel is to be covered by a Customs Outward (OO) permit.

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