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All Traders and Declaring Agents

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :
HELPLIST 25**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 25:

Q1	I have transmitted a Customs Duty/GST Payment declaration for the import of a personal car. It was rejected with the error message "OMV". Why is this so?
A	For the import of cars, you are required to complete a OMV declaration form. Please call our Customs Service Centre at telephone No. 3552000 for the form to be mailed or faxed to you. You may fax the completed form together with supporting documents to Head Documentation at No: 2509606. After studying your documents, we will provide you with the Customs assessed value of the car. You should then use the Customs assessed value for submission of a fresh declaration.
Q2	I am a ME importer. I have sold a consignment of goods to my client in the FTZ. Can my client make use of his ME status to remove these goods from the FTZ into Customs territory without payment of GST?
A	Your client's ME status can only be used for goods imported by him as evidenced by the commercial documents such as the overseas supplier's invoice and bill of lading. For goods sold to him in the FTZ, GST is payable to CED by way of a Customs GST Payment permit based on the value of this sale.
Q3	I am a returning Singaporean who have worked overseas for many years. I intend to sea freight all my used personal effects back to Singapore. Can GST relief be granted on such an import?
A	GST relief may be granted to your import of used personal effects (excluding liquors, tobacco & motor vehicle). Please ask your freight forwarder to declare a GST Relief Certificate for this import. Prior to this, your freight forwarder is required to fax the declaration of facts, bill of lading, packing lists, extract of your passport to confirm your date of return to Head, Documentation Branch at No: 2509606.
Q4	I have transmitted a Joint Customs White Transshipment/TDB Inward declaration (IT) to cover a consignment of beer to be transhipped to Indonesia by barge. The

	declaration was rejected. What shall I do now?
A	The rejection could be due to the "Vessel type" being declared as 'barges and tugs' which are not allowed to carry high duty items. Please arrange for the beer to be transhipped to Indonesia by a cargo vessel and re-transmit your declaration.
