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### **TRADENET® VERSION 4.0**

Singapore Customs will be rolling out the new TradeNet® Version 4.0 on **1 October 2007**. At the same time, we will also be upgrading and refreshing our internal systems through our eCustoms Project. To keep you abreast of the latest development, we will be sending you regular updates through circulars such as this. Also, you can look forward to participating in our outreach sessions to be conducted from July to August 2007.

#### Exciting Changes Coming Your Way

2 In TradeNet® Version 4.0, Customs and IESGP requirements will be streamlined. The permit structure will be simpler and the number of permit fields reduced. We are pleased to present a preview of the new version via our e-learning courseware available at <https://www.tradexchange.gov.sg> from 6 March 2007 onwards. No prior registration is required.

3 We will also be implementing the revised ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) together with this upgrade. The trade can expect some 20% reduction in tariff lines in the new AHTN 2007.

4 Soon, a new portal will be launched incorporating a number of convenient online features. Some of the user-friendly features are as follows - users can check the status of their declarations, download permit information and request for copies of permit information. We will walk through the features and the use of this new portal during our outreach sessions.

#### For a Smooth Cutover

5 To facilitate the implementation of the new system, there will be a few scheduled system downtimes from August to September 2007, (in addition to the weekly and quarterly system downtimes on Sundays) where TradeNet® will not be available. We will keep you updated as we get nearer to the date. To ensure continued smooth operations during the period, we advise that declarations be submitted as early as possible for processing, and we seek your understanding and cooperation on the matter.

6 To ensure a smooth cutover to the new system, we will be rolling out the various permit types in phases. As in previous Version upgrades, there will be a one-month parallel run (with both versions available) in September 2007. Details will be released in the coming months through our regular circulars.

### Using the New System

7 Your front-end vendors will be informing you of their training sessions on the features and use of the new system. If you require information on other technical details, please contact your vendor.

8 As mentioned earlier, Singapore Customs will be organizing outreach and briefing sessions in July and August 2007 on the new permit structure and the revised AHTN. Please look out for the announcements in the coming circulars.

### Contact Us

9 For more information, please visit our websites below:

On customs procedures and requirements: <http://www.customs.gov.sg>

On other TradeNet® matters: <https://www.tradexchange.gov.sg>

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