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To: All Traders



SINGAPORE-EU JOINT SEMINAR ON SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

Are you aware that Singapore Customs has launched our national supply chain security programme, the Secure Trade Partnership (STP), on 25 May 2007? Well, the European Union (EU) will also be implementing their supply chain security initiative, the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme, on 1 January 2008.

2. We are pleased to inform you that Singapore Customs and the European Commission, supported by the European Chamber of Commerce, will be jointly organizing a seminar to raise the industries' awareness on the recent supply chain security initiatives launched by both Singapore and the EU. This seminar will provide you with both an overview and update of the STP and the AEO programme. The details of the seminar are as follows:

Date: 31 October 2007 (Wednesday)
Time: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm
Venue: Singapore Business Federation Seminar Room 2
10 Hoe Chiang Road, 21st level Keppel Towers
Programme: Please refer to [Annex A](#).

3. If you are an importer, exporter, manufacturer, warehouse operator, transporter, terminal operator or someone involving in supply chain related activities, then this seminar is for you. If you have trade links with Europe, then this seminar will be of even greater relevance to you.

Registration

4. To register, please download the registration form from Singapore Customs website at www.customs.gov.sg and email/fax the completed form to us at customs_scs@customs.gov.sg or 6258 3705. Registration is free of charge.

5. The closing date of registration is 25 October 2007. Please note that incomplete registration forms will not be processed. As limited seats are available, registrations will be considered on a first-come-first served basis. We will confirm your registration via email/fax before commencement of the seminar.

6. If you have any enquiries regarding the seminar, please contact us at 6251 3027 or 6251 8021 or email to customs_scs@customs.gov.sg.



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**SINGAPORE-EU
JOINT SEMINAR ON SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY
31 Oct 2007**



Singapore Customs and the Delegation of the European Commission to Singapore, supported by the European Chamber of Commerce, are pleased to jointly organise a seminar on supply chain security. This seminar will provide an overview of and update of Singapore and EU supply chain security programmes. This seminar is intended for companies that are involved in supply chain activities for example, importers, exporters, manufacturers, warehouse operators, transporters and terminal operators etc. It is also ideal for companies which have trade links with Europe.

- **Singapore Secure Trade Partnership (STP)** – Launched on 25 May 2007, STP is a voluntary certification programme administered by Singapore Customs that encourages companies to adopt robust security measures in their trading operations, thereby enhancing the security of the global supply chain.
- **EU Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme** – The European Commission has recently adopted Regulation 1875/2006 aiming at increased security for shipments entering or leaving the EU. These measures should produce faster and better targeted customs controls that facilitate legitimate trade but tighten minimum security and safety requirements. Starting from January 2008 an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) concept will be introduced. This means that reliable traders that meet specified criteria can obtain facilitations from security measures and also ask for simplifications as provided for under customs rules.

In addition, from July 2009 it will become mandatory for traders to provide customs authorities with advance information on goods brought into, or out of the customs territory of the European Community. Failure to do so will mean goods cannot be loaded on ships bound for the EU.

This is expected to affect everyone who is involved in the international supply chain of Europe.

- **OBJECTIVES**
 1. To raise awareness of the EU's Supply Chain Security requirements among the business community and concerned authorities in Singapore.
 2. To provide information on the eligible criteria for being recognised as an AEO.
 3. To inform the business community and concerned authorities in Singapore about its implications.
- **KEY SPEAKERS**
 1. Ms Lim Sok Peng, Senior Supply Chain Security Officer
 2. Mr. Pierre Faucherand / Minister Counsellor (Customs), Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand
 3. Ms. Susanne Aigner / Head of Section – Supply Chain Security, DG Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission

Programme

Time	Item
8.30 am	Registration
9.00 am	Welcome remarks by Director-General of Singapore Customs
9.10 am	Opening remarks by the Ambassador of the European Commission to Singapore
9.20 am	Singapore's Secure Trade Partnership by Singapore Customs
10.00 am	Refreshment break
10.30 am	EC Customs Security Initiative - Mr. Pierre Faucherand / Minister Counsellor (Customs) - EC Delegation Bangkok <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing environment & new challenges for customs • Concept of international supply chain • Key requirements • Timelines
11.10 am	Overview of the Authorised Economic Operator - Ms. Susanne Aigner / DG TAXUD - European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-arrival/ pre-departure declaration • Risk management framework • Export control system
12.10 pm	Q&A
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Authorised Economic Operator (cont.) - Ms. Susanne Aigner / DG TAXUD - European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is AEO? • AEO implementation schedule • Types and criteria of AEO • Specific security and safety criteria
2.30 pm	Refreshment break
3.00 pm	Authorised Economic Operator (cont.) - Ms. Susanne Aigner / DG TAXUD - European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to keep record of compliance • Authorisation / inspection • Benefits for secured AEO • Mutual recognition
4.00 pm	Q&A
4.30 pm	End of seminar