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Zero-GST Warehouse



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## **IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TRADENET® AND NEW PROCEDURES FOR INVENTORY ACCOUNTING**

Further to the circulars issued by the Department informing the trade on the TradeNet® upgrade and disruption to customs services (i.e. circular nos. 24/2007, 26/2007, 28/2007 and 29/2007), this circular provides specific information pertaining to operations under the various licensing schemes.

### **2 Application for Permits**

2.1 TradeNet® version 4.0 will be implemented in phases. Permit applications covering movements of goods in or out of licensed premises, other than ZGS Type II or ZGS Type III warehouses, can be submitted via TradeNet® 3.1 only until 16 Nov 07 (Friday). After which, there will be system downtime for system migration from 1900hrs on 16 Nov 07 (Friday) to 0900hrs on 19 Nov 07 (Monday). Please therefore submit your permits applications early, if you expect cargo movements (such as imports, exports, inter warehouse transfers) during the affected period. However, you should stop using TradeNet® 3.1 with effect from 19 Nov 07 (Monday), but instead use TradeNet® version 4.0 for your permit application because by then, the inventory records of your goods would have already been migrated to the new TradeNet® version 4.0.

2.2 If you are a licensee of a ZGS Type II or ZGS Type III warehouse, you are encouraged to use TradeNet® version 4.0 when it is available from the beginning of the parallel run period, to familiarize yourself and to explore its new features.

### **3 Reporting of Stock movements**

3.1 Effective 16 Nov 07 (Friday), you are no longer required to submit reports on stock movements to SC, because TradeNet® version 4.0 has an interface with the cargo clearance system to capture the cargo movements. Hence, WISE will be terminated on 16 Nov 07. Please therefore submit all your outstanding stock movements through WISE before 2359hr 15 Nov 07 (Thursday).

3.2 From Nov 07 onwards, licensees of ZGS Type II warehouses no longer need to submit monthly stock movements report to SC. The last report to be submitted will be for cargo movements in Oct 07.

#### 4 Enquiry options in Inventory Control System (ICS)

4.1 Enquiry options will be provided in the new system “Inventory Control System” (ICS) to enable you (licensee of licensed warehouse, excise factory, or ZGS Type I warehouse) to verify your inventory records with that of Customs to reduce possibility of errors in your permit applications. With the use of the lot number, you will be able to obtain information on the goods registered in ICS (such as the unit weight/volume, test result, packing description and HS code), the stock balance at the point of enquiry and the transaction records (i.e. cargo movements) during the past month for that lot. The access to ICS is controlled by ID and we will be issuing IDs to your authorized staff from 26 Nov 07 to enable them to access the system.

4.2 You can also use this system to account for stock movements that are not covered by permits (such as destruction of dutiable goods).

#### 5 e-File Applications for release of goods from Class II warehouses or CFW

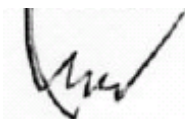
5.1 Please note that from 0800hrs to 1900hrs on 29 Oct 07 (Monday), during the system upgrades, e-filing service on application for direct release or partial release of goods from Class II warehouses and CFW will be temporarily suspended. Licensees are advised to submit e-file applications for releases of goods before 12 noon on 27 Oct 07 (Saturday) for goods to be released on 29 Oct 07. If there are urgent applications for releases of goods on 29 Oct 07, licensees can seek approval from Revenue Control Branch (RCB) through email or fax (fax no. 62509950) for the releases of the goods. For transshipment goods to be delivered to another checkpoint for clearance, RCB will fax or email a letter to the licensee to allow the goods to be produced at the checkpoint for cargo clearance.

#### 6 Clearance of containers for imports of liquors/tobacco products during downtime

6.1 Please note that you are required to apply for Customs supervision of unstuffing of containers for imports of liquor/tobacco products cleared through the checkpoints during system downtime, even if the containers are not sealed by the checkpoint officers. Please ensure that the shipper seals are intact before Customs examination of the containers.

#### 7 Further information

7.1 You may visit Customs website at [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg) for latest updates and FAQs for further information. For further clarification or assistance, please contact the Customs Account Manager assigned to your warehouse.



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