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To All Tobacco Importers,  
Tobacco Manufacturers and  
Licensed Warehouse Operators,  
Traders and Declaring Agents



## **NEW MARKING REQUIREMENT ON CIGARETTE STICKS**

With effect from 1 January 2009, all individual sticks of cigarettes that are meant for sale or consumption in Singapore will have to bear the marking based on the specifications stated in following paragraph.

### **Marking Requirement**

2. The new marking is imposed on all individual cigarette sticks declared under HS Codes 24022090 and 24029020, but excludes all other tobacco products. The marking should adhere strictly to the following the specifications :
- (i) be marked in a string of text “SDPC” around the rod;
  - (ii) be positioned at least 3.5 centimetres from the cigarette end that is to be lighted;
  - (iii) be in block letters of not less than 3 millimetres in height; and
  - (iv) be in typeface Arial Bold, and in black or such other colour as the DG may approve.

### **Permit Application**

3. Declaration of payment permits for such marked cigarettes remain unchanged. However, please note the new permit condition G2 that will be imposed on these permits.

**G2 YOU ARE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY BOX, TIN, PACKET, STICK OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS SHALL CARRY THE HEALTH WARNING OR/AND ALL OTHER MARKINGS AS REQUIRED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.**

### **Implementation**

4. For all existing cigarette brands and products, please complete the “Application for Approval of Cigarettes Marking” form and submit it together with duty-paid samples of the cigarette sticks (minimum of 5 sticks for each product and each brand) duly marked with “SDPC” to Singapore Customs for a one-off approval. Please download the application form from our website at <http://www.customs.gov.sg>, at the heading of “eServices / Online Services and Forms” and under “Permits/Licences”.

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5. To obtain approval for manufacture or import of new brands or products of cigarettes, you are requested to comply with the same procedures and submit the application form with the duty-paid cigarette samples to Singapore Customs before importing the cigarettes into Singapore.
6. Please submit all applications together with the required number of duty-paid cigarette samples to the Appraisal Officer, Documentation Specialists Branch at 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Revenue House. We will notify you of the outcome of your application via email or fax within 7 working days.
7. To facilitate manufacturers and retailers to meet the demand of the market, Singapore Customs will allow the sales of the new marked cigarettes from 1 October 2008. Please therefore submit your applications to us early.
8. If you need further clarification, please contact our Customs Call Centre at Tel No.: 63552000 followed by (0).



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