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With effect from 1 Jan 96, the 1994 edition of the Singapore Trade Classification and Customs Duties (STCCD) will be replaced by the new 1996 edition.

2 The 1996 edition incorporates all the amendments proposed by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) which will come into effect on 1 Jan 96. These amendments are the first major overhaul made by WCO on the Harmonized System since its introduction in 1988. About 393 sets of amendments have been incorporated covering commodities on agriculture, chemicals, textiles, base metals, machinery and others. The overhaul is necessary to reflect technological progress, changes in trade patterns, text clarification to ensure uniform application, the identification of commodities that raise current environmental and social concerns such as ozone depleting substances and narcotic and psychotropic substances. In addition, Customs has included other changes such as the simplification and reduction of texts and tariff lines for commodities which no longer attract customs duties and an updated set of customs procedures and documentary requirements.

3 To familiarise traders on the changes to the Harmonized System of classification, Customs & Excise Department will conduct a 2-day course jointly with the Trade Development Board commencing in mid October to December 95. Those interested in the course are to register themselves with Customs Training School or contact Head Training at telephone no: 375 2122. The course fee is \$103.00 (inclusive of GST). All participants for the course will be issued with a copy of the STCCD 1996.

4 The publication is available for purchase from mid-October at \$20.60 per copy at the following Customs offices:

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03-01, World Trade Centre
1 Maritime Square
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Tel: 375 2000

The Reception Counter
Ports Branch HQ
Keppel Road
Singapore 0208
Tel: 220 6376

Customs Aircargo Section
Changi Customs Warehouse/Checkpoint Complex
Changi Airfreight Centre
Nicoll Drive
Singapore 1749
Tel: 542 0079/545 8672

Cargo Clearance Centre(Inward Cargo)
Customs Land Branch
Woodlands Checkpoint
Singapore 2572
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