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To : All Traders and Declaring Agents



EXPANSION OF THE STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL) LIST AND AN ENHANCED PERMIT REGIME UNDER THE STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL) ACT

In line with Singapore's commitments to our international obligations to prevent the proliferation of WMD and our continuous efforts to review our existing strategic goods control system, Singapore will expand the list of items controlled under the Strategic Goods (Control) Act (SGCA) in Jan 2008.

2 The expanded list will incorporate all the items listed under the four multilateral export control regimes, namely, the Australia Group, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Missile Technology Control Regime and Wassenaar Arrangement. The new categories of items include high-end computers and telecommunications systems, equipment and components; marine systems, equipment and components; propulsion systems, space vehicles and related equipment; and navigation and avionics, of certain technical specifications. Their related software and technology will also be controlled.

The Strategic Trade Scheme

3 To mitigate the possible impact on legitimate strategic goods trade, Singapore Customs implemented an enhanced permit regime known as the **Strategic Trade Scheme (STS)** since 18 Jun 2007. STS comprises 3 tiers:

- a) Tier 1 requires all persons who are *exporting, transshipping or bringing in transit, strategic goods and their related technology*; or engaging in *intangible transfer of strategic goods technology*, to obtain a valid strategic goods Tier 1 permit, prior to carrying out each transaction.
- b) Tier 2 and Tier 3 provide facilitative permit declaration procedures for transactions involving certain strategic goods which are for non-WMD-related end-use. Companies are required to demonstrate that they have a good internal export control compliance programme in place before they are eligible to apply for Tier 2 and Tier 3 permits.

Awareness Briefings on Strategic Goods Control (SGC)

4 To promote industries' awareness of the changes to Singapore's SGC system, Singapore Customs will be conducting a series of awareness briefings, at no charge.

Date	Time
11 Sep 2007 (Tue)	9 am – 11 am
8 Oct 2007 (Mon)	3 pm – 5 pm
30 Oct 2007 (Tue)	3 pm – 5 pm
14 Nov 2007 (Wed)	9 am – 11 am
14 Nov 2007 (Wed)	3 pm – 5 pm
10 Dec 2007 (Mon)	9 am – 11 am
10 Dec 2007 (Mon)	3 pm – 5 pm

5 Traders, including exporters, carriers, cargo agents and freight forwarders, are encouraged to attend the briefings to familiarise themselves with the requirements under the SGCA so as to ensure that your business transactions comply with the SGCA.

6 Registration will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Strategic Goods Control Courses

7 In addition, Singapore Customs launched a new series of Customs Strategic Goods Control Courses since Aug 2007 for traders who wish to gain a deeper understanding of Singapore's SGC system. The courses cover a range of topics to meet the different learning needs of participants.

Contact Us

8 For more information on the permit requirements under the SGCA and the upcoming awareness briefings or courses, please visit the strategic goods control website at <http://www.stgc.gov.sg>. You may download the registration forms for the awareness briefings and courses from our website and submit via email or fax to us. For further clarifications, please contact us at 6337 5996 or email us at customs_stgc@customs.gov.sg

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