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All Traders and Declaring Agents

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :  
HELPLIST 24**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 24:

Q1	I have transmitted a Joint Customs Transshipment/TDB Inward declaration (IT) for the transshipment of dutiable sea-stores for supply to a naval vessel. It was rejected with the error message "Departure date". Why is this so?
A	For transshipment permits covering dutiable sea-stores, the departure end-date must not be more than 7 days from the removal start-date. The rejection could be due to the declared "Departure date" exceeding the permissible period.
Q2	I am importing 10 packets of cigarette samples of a new brand to test the local market. Can Customs waive the test weighing of these cigarettes and allow me to make direct payment of the duty and GST?
A	You may apply for waiver of test weighing of your cigarette samples. Please call the Customs Service Centre at 3552000 for the application form to be faxed or mailed to you. The completed application form together with the invoice and bill of lading should be faxed to Deputy Head, Appraisal Section, Documentation Branch at Fax No. 2509609 for approval before transmission of the Customs Duty/GST Payment permit.
Q3	I have declared a Joint Customs Transshipment/TDB Inward permit (IT). The HS code was found to be wrongly declared. As the permit has not been utilized, can I amend it electronically via the TradeNet System?
A	Electronic amendment is not allowed for this field in all Customs permits. Please cancel the permit and re-transmit your declaration with the correct HS code.
Q4	I have transmitted a Joint Customs GST Payment/TDB Inward declaration (IG). It was rejected with the error message "Total GST amount". Why is this so?
A	The rejection could be due to the "Total GST amount" not being declared in the 'Total GST' field. Please key in the total GST amount in this field and your declaration will be approved.

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