

Refund of Unused IE Singapore's Revenue Stamps

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To : All Traders, Freight Forwarders,
Cargo Agents and Carriers

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Currently, traders purchase the IE Singapore's revenue stamps from selected Post Offices and affix them on specific Permit and Certificate applications for manual processing at IE Singapore. Examples of such manual applications include Import Certificates & Delivery Verification Certificates, Certificates of Free Sale and Certificates of Non-Manipulation.

From **1 Apr 03**, the Trade Facilitation Division (TFD) and Statistics Audit Unit (SAU) of IE Singapore will be merged with Customs and Excise Department (CED) to form the Singapore Customs. Following the merger, TFD and SAU will be operating from Revenue House after 1 Apr 03 to serve our customers' needs better. To facilitate submission of trade documents, we will be replacing revenue stamps with cashless payment facilities i.e. NETS, cash card and credit card. For a smooth transition, we will continue to accept revenue stamps until we are fully operational at Revenue House after which, all collections will be via NETS, cash card or credit card.

Traders, freight forwarders, cargo agents and carriers are therefore advised not to keep too much stock of IE Singapore's revenue stamps. You are advised to approach IE Singapore (Finance Division) on the 10th floor of Bugis Junction Office Tower before **30 Aug 03** if you wish to obtain refund for your unused revenue stamps. We urge you to get your refunds early so as to avoid a rush nearer the cut-off date. For enquiries, please contact Customs Call Centre at Tel: 63552000.

The change is part of our on-going efforts to facilitate submission of the trade documents. The trade can look forward to further simplification and streamlining of trade documentation following the formation of Singapore Customs when all customs and trade facilitation and processes come under a single agency.

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