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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT FROM OR TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations, the importation into, exportation from, or transshipment or transit through Singapore of any goods which will contravene the decisions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in resolutions made under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, are prohibited.

2 With the adoption of the UNSC Resolution 2397 (2017), Singapore has updated the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the Regulation of Imports and Export Regulations to allow traders to more easily refer to the various trade prohibitions imposed by the decisions made by the UNSC.

3 The updated prohibitions have been published in the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2018¹**. These Regulations take effect on **17 Oct 2018**.

Permit Applications for Items Imported from, Exported to, Transhipped or Brought in Transit from or to the DPRK through Singapore

4 Traders are reminded that the import, export, transshipment, and transit of **any goods that are for the purposes of trade** with any person in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) **continue to be prohibited** under the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations.

5 For goods which are **not** for the purposes of trade, which are imported from, exported or re-exported to the DPRK, traders would need to apply for a TradeNet[®] permit **at least 3 working days** before the intended date of shipment. Supporting documents should include documents to show that the shipment is non-commercial

¹ Besides the prohibition of goods in relation to the DPRK, the Seventh Schedule of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations also lists the prohibition of goods in relation to other countries or territories that are sanctioned by the UNSC.

in nature (e.g. a letter of authorisation issued by a United Nations (UN) body). Please be reminded to comply with all the conditions stipulated in the approved permits.

Penalties

6 Under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (RIEA), any person who contravenes any of these prohibitions shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to –

- a) a fine of not exceeding S\$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both, on the first conviction; and
- b) a fine of not exceeding S\$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both, on the second or subsequent conviction

More Information

7 Details on the UNSC sanctions can be found at: www.customs.gov.sg/ > Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions.

8 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: sso.agc.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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