

You wish to apply for a permit to import/export/tranship goods

[Activate Customs Account](#)

If you are applying for the permit yourself or on behalf of clients:

You need to [register as Declaring Agent](#) and [apply for Inter-Bank GIRO](#) for payment of duty/GST.

All permit applications can be submitted electronically via Government Front End application or via your solution from [approved Commercial Front End solution providers](#).

You need to [classify your goods](#).

You need to check if your goods are controlled or prohibited for [Import/Export/Transshipment](#).

You may refer to [HS code search engine](#) for more information.

For controlled goods, you need to check the [licensing requirements](#) for your goods with the name and Contact Person of the respective Competent Authorities indicated in the search results.

You need to [Furnish Security](#) for permit applications involving certain movement and goods types.

Apply for Customs Import/Export/Transhipment Permit using your designated Front End solution providers and prepare for cargo clearance.

If you are appointing a Declaring Agent to apply for the permit for you:

You need to liaise with your Declaring Agent to assist in the permit application.

You need to liaise with your Declaring Agent to provide the necessary documents (if any) to ensure that your [goods are classified correctly](#).

You need to liaise with your Declaring Agent to ensure that necessary [licensing requirements](#) for your goods from the respective Competent Authorities are obtained.

If your Declaring Agent is applying for import permits involving for payment of duty/GST, you may make payment of duties and/or GST using the Declaring Agent's Inter-Bank GIRO (IBG).

Alternatively, you may [apply for an IBG](#) for payment of duty/GST and thereafter, authorise your Declaring Agent to use your entity's IBG for duties and/or GST payment for permits taken up with your entity's UEN declared as the Importer via the "[Application for Authorisation of Declaring Agent](#)" e-Service.

If your Declaring Agent is applying for permit applications involving [certain movement and goods types](#), you may use the Declaring Agent's Security.

Alternatively, you may [apply for a Security](#) for the relevant permit applications, and authorise your Declaring Agent to use your entity's Security with your entity's UEN declared as the Importer via the "[Application for Authorisation of Declaring Agent](#)" e-Service.

If the permit application is successful, you may wish to liaise with your Declaring Agent/freight forwarder to prepare for cargo clearance. You may also obtain a copy of the permit from your Declaring Agent.