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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

JOINT ADVISORY: EXPORT CONTROLS ON ADVANCED SEMICONDUCTOR AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TECHNOLOGIES

In recent years, several countries have imposed unilateral export controls on advanced semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing equipment and AI-related technologies.

2 Singapore's export control regime is governed by the Strategic Goods (Control) Act and the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations. These are aligned with major multilateral export control regimes, as well as sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council. Goods and technology that meet the technical specifications described in the [Strategic Goods \(Control\) Order](#) are subject to controls under the Strategic Goods (Control) Act.

3 All companies operating in Singapore must conduct their activities transparently and in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Singapore Government will take firm and decisive action against those that violate Singapore's laws.

4 Businesses operating in Singapore should also remain informed of and take into account the implications of other countries' export controls on their international business activities. The Singapore Government does not condone businesses deliberately using their association with Singapore to circumvent or violate the export controls of other countries. This applies to all our trading partners.

5 Businesses should be aware that engaging in illicit practices can lead to legal, operational and reputational consequences. Appropriate action, in accordance with Singapore's laws, will be taken against companies or individuals in Singapore engaged in fraudulent or dishonest practices to evade export controls that they are subject to.

6 To mitigate the risk of inadvertent violations, businesses are encouraged to:

- a) Implement a robust internal compliance programme which includes Know Your Customer (KYC) practices and end-user screenings to ensure that business transactions are made with legitimate customers or end-users that adhere to relevant export control regulations, and order screening procedures that consider potential red flags such as abnormal shipping routes, etc. For more information, refer to [Singapore](#)



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[Customs' Strategic Trade Handbook](#), and [Singapore Customs' guidance on sanctioned lists and red flags](#); and

b) Engage appropriate legal expertise, where necessary, for international business activities involving controlled technologies.

7 Singapore will continue to uphold our reputation as a global hub for technology and trade, safeguard the integrity of our business environment, and support continued access to leading edge technology for legitimate companies operating here.

8 Thank you.

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