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All Licensed Warehouse and Bonded Warehouse Operators

**CLEARANCE OF CONTAINERS FROM LICENSED AND BONDED WAREHOUSES FOR EXPORT**

1. As part of our continuous efforts to provide better services to traders, we are pleased to inform you that with effect from 1 Nov 97, all containers stuffed with dutiable and non-dutiable goods leaving licensed and bonded warehouses for export by sea or by land are no longer required to be accompanied with Joint Outward Permits (OO Permits).
2. The present procedure of bringing along the OO permits for endorsement by our PSA Gate/Woodlands/Tuas Checkpoint officers has generated some inconveniences to the hauliers. They either have to deposit their permits at the PSA mail boxes for the drivers or post staff at the gate/checkpoint to perform handing and taking over of permits.
3. As licensed warehouse operators have mentioned during the dialogue session on 8 Oct 97 that they would prefer to obtain some form of Customs endorsement to prove the export of containers, and also to instruct the drivers to produce the containers to Customs at the respective checkpoints, we will accept a Release Note issued by the respective licensee when a container leaves the warehouse. Each Release Note will cover the release of one container. Once the stuffing operation is completed, the driver can leave the warehouse with this Note. The driver will produce the Note to the PSA gate/Woodlands/Tuas Checkpoints for endorsement. The OO Permits will only be required for officers who supervise the stuffing of containers at the warehouses.
4. With the new arrangement, traders would be able to save time and cost on maintaining their mail boxes and employing additional staff. Moreover, licensees or their agents could also apply for one OO permit to cover multiple containers.
5. The same procedure will apply for goods stuffed at the Bonded Warehouses for export without Customs supervision.
6. In order to maintain uniformity, we have come up with a standard format of Release Note which is to be used by all licensees at Annex A.
7. Please also bring the content of this circular to the attention of your hauliers.

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**Annex A**

Company's Letter Head

**RELEASE NOTE**

Date:

