Manifest Reconciliation Statement (MRS) Scheme for Sea Shipments via Internet

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

Further to our I&E Notice Nos. 18/98 and 23/98 dated 23 Sep 98 and 30 Nov 98 respectively, we are pleased to inform you that you may now submit the Manifest Reconciliation Statement (MRS) for sea shipments via Internet with effect from 15 Mar 99.

Shipping agents may submit their MRSs electronically to TDB from 15 Mar 99 for any vessel that arrives in or departs from Singapore prior to this date. The features of the MRS Scheme via Internet include:

- a. availability for 24 hours' submission daily
- b. immediate acknowledgement of the MRS submitted successfully via Internet
- c. sub-operators can submit their MRSs direct to TDB
- d. system checks to minimise errors in your MRS
- e. electronic amendments can be made to specific fields within 17 days of the arrival of the vessel in and 14 days of the departure of the vessel from Singapore

Please continue to retain all documents for one month from the date of submission of your MRS for any verification.

Registration

To make use of the MRS Scheme via Internet, at least one person in your company must register with TDB as an authorised declarant to submit the MRS on behalf of your company. A maximum of four persons can be registered. The contact person and registered user can be the same person. A user name and a password will be given to each person after registration. The user manual on submitting your MRSs via Internet will also be given to you. You may also call the Manifest Audit Unit of TDB for advice on how to transmit the MRS electronically. We urge you to register your company now to take advantage of the Scheme.

To register your company, please complete the attached Form and return it to us at fax No. 63373219. For more information, please call Customs Call Centre at Tel No 63552000 or e-mail to us at customs_mrs@customs.gov.sg

We thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to your participation in submitting your MRS to us via Internet.

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