

Prohibition of Exports to the Territory of Afghanistan under Taliban Control - UNSC Resolution 1333 (2000)

I&E Notice No. 1/2001

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

We wish to inform you that, in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 1333 (2000), the exportation whether directly or indirectly from Singapore to the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban control of the following items is prohibited under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (Rg 1) with immediate effect:

- a. arms and related materials of all types, including
 - i) weapons;
 - ii) ammunition;
 - iii) military vehicles and equipment;
 - iv) paramilitary equipment;
- b) spare parts for the items listed in (a); and
- c) the chemical acetic anhydride.

However, the prohibition shall not apply to the supply of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use where advance approval has been obtained from the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to Resolution 1267 (1999).

Submission of Export Permit Applications

Please submit your Permit applications for exports to Afghanistan through TradeNet early as we will need to check whether your goods are covered by the prohibition as well as whether the entry point into Afghanistan is under Taliban control. If necessary, we may request for supporting documents for your shipments. Your cooperation will assist us in minimising any delays in the processing of your applications.

Penalties

Any person who contravenes the prohibition shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction -

- a. to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods whichever is greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both; and
- b. on the second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods, whichever is greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

TradeNet Users

If you are a TradeNet user, please update your front-end software to include the following message where the country of final destination is Afghanistan (AF):

P12 WARNING - YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE REGULATION 6 [PROHIBITED GOODS] OF THE REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REGULATIONS (Rg 1) [s530/95]. PLEASE REFER TO THEM AND I&E NOTICE NO. 1/2001 FOR COMPLIANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER.

Please consult your software vendor if you need assistance in updating this message into your PC system.

All Export Permit applications through TradeNet for exports from Singapore to Afghanistan will be routed to TDB for processing.

Further Enquiries

For further clarifications on the permit applications, you may contact Customs Call Centre at Tel No: **63552000**. We thank you for your cooperation.

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