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## LIFTING OF PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF ROUGH DIAMONDS

We wish to inform you that the prohibition on the import of all rough diamonds (ie, uncut or unpolished diamonds of HS Heading 7102) from Sierra Leone has been lifted with immediate effect. This is in accordance with the United Nations Security Council's review of UNSC Resolution 1306(2000). However, the exportation of the following items to Sierra Leone is still prohibited in accordance with I&E Notice No. 4/98 dated 28 Mar 98:

- (a) arms and related materials of all types including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment; and
- (b) spare parts for the items listed in (a).

2 TradeNet users are advised to update your front-end software as follows:

- (i) for imports where the country of origin is Sierra Leone (SL) or the port of loading is in Sierra Leone, delete the prompting message for these HS codes: 71021000, 71022100, 71022900, 71023100 and 72103900; and
- (ii) amend the current prompting message (by deleting the words in bold) as indicated below:

**P06 WARNING – YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE REGULATION 6 [PROHIBITED GOODS] OF THE REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REGULATIONS (Rg1) [s530/95]. PLEASE REFER TO IT AND I & E NOTICE No. 4/98, 19/98 AND 5/2000 FOR COMPLIANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER.**

3 Please consult your software vendor if you need assistance when updating your system.

4 This Circular supercedes the previous I&E Notice No. 5/2000 dated 2 Oct 2000. Kindly contact the Customs Call Centre at Tel: 63552000 followed by (\*) (0), if you need further information.

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