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To: All Traders

LAUNCH OF SECURE TRADE PARTNERSHIP (STP)

Singapore Customs has launched a new supply chain security programme for the trading community – Secure Trade Partnership (STP) on 25 May 2007, to strengthen and safeguard the security of supply chain operations.

About the STP

- 2. The STP is a voluntary certification programme administered by Singapore Customs that encourages companies to adopt robust security practices in their trading operations, thereby contributing to the improvement in the security of the global supply chain. Through the programme, Singapore Customs seeks to protect the integrity of the global supply chain and prevent disruptions to the smooth flow of goods.
- 3. The STP spells out a set of security guidelines and goals to guide the development, implementation, monitoring and review of the security measures by different players in the supply chain. These include suppliers, manufacturers, warehouse operators, transport carriers and terminal operators. Companies that decide to apply for certification under the STP will first need to self-assess against the STP Guidelines to ensure that their internal policies, processes and procedures are robust.

Outreach Seminars

4. To create and raise companies' awareness on the importance of supply chain security and to promote the STP, Singapore Customs will be conducting several outreach seminars, at no charge.

| Date | Time |
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| 20 June 2007 (Wednesday) | 9.30am – 12.30pm |
| 26 June 2007 (Tuesday) | 2pm – 5pm |
| 10 July 2007 (Tuesday) | 9.30am – 12.30pm |
| 26 July 2007 (Thursday) | 2pm – 5pm |

- 5. The outreach seminars will cover the overview of the STP, the STP Guidelines and the application for the STP. The outreach seminars will be held at National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore 188064.
- 6. Please visit Singapore Customs website at http://www.customs.gov.sg to find out more about the STP and the outreach seminars. You may download the registration form for the outreach seminars from this website and email the completed registration form to us at customs_scs@customs.gov.sg.
- 7. Please note that placement to the outreach seminars will be considered on a first-come-first served basis.
- 8. If you have any enquiries regarding the STP and/or the outreach seminars, you may contact us at 6251 3027 or 6251 8021 or send us an email at customs_scs@customs.gov.sg.

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