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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG-SINGAPORE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

As part of our continual efforts to enhance global supply chain security and facilitate the movement of legitimate goods, Singapore Customs signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) in June 2014 with the Customs and Excise Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (HK C&ED). The MRA will be operational with effect from 9 March 2015.

2 Under this MRA, HK C&ED will recognise Singapore's Secure Trade Partnership-Plus (STP-Plus) companies as being of lower risk and thus facilitate the clearance of goods that are exported to or imported from these companies. Singapore Customs will extend the same treatment to Hong Kong's AEO companies and to the goods that are exported to or imported from these companies.

STP-Plus companies exporting to or importing from Hong Kong

3 For STP-Plus companies who are exporting to or importing from Hong Kong companies, please provide your **company name** and **operating address** certified under the STP programme to your business partners/carriers¹ in Hong Kong. Your business partners/carriers in Hong Kong need not be an AEO company.

Exporting to or importing from Hong Kong AEO

4 For Singapore companies who are exporting to or importing from Hong Kong AEO, please obtain the **AEO code**² from your Hong Kong business partner (an

¹ The carriers (i.e. airlines or shipping lines) in Hong Kong will use this information to complete the Cargo Manifest for Customs clearance.

² The complete Hong Kong AEO code will consist of 15 alphanumeric characters in the form of "AEOHKXXXXXXXXXX"

AEO company) and declare it in the TradeNet[®] export or import declaration as follows:

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	HK
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	XXXXXXXXXX

Domestic facilitated clearance for STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters

5 To enjoy a higher level of facilitated clearance in Singapore, STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters are reminded to declare their STP Code in the TradeNet[®] import and export declarations as illustrated below.

The STP Code comes in the following format:

AEOSGXXXXXXXXXX

CPC PC1
PC2

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	SG
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	XXXXXXXXXX

Clarifications

6 If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to us at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg or contact the Customs Call Centre at 6355 2000 for assistance.

Yours faithfully

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(This is a computer-generated circular. No signature is required.)

We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg.

