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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

# CHANGES TO THE STRATEGIC GOODS CONTROL LIST, BROKERING ORDER, AND TRANSHIPMENT & TRANSIT CONTROLS

<u>Updates to the Strategic Goods Control List</u>

Further to our <u>Notice No. 12/2015</u> dated 19 August 2015, we wish to inform you that the new **Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2015** ("SGCO 2015") has been gazetted on 4 September 2015, and **will come into effect from 2 November 2015**. You may access the SGCO 2015 via our website at <u>www.customs.gov.sg</u>.

- The SGCO 2015 brings Singapore's strategic goods control list up to date with the 2014 Wassenaar Arrangement Munitions List, and the 2014 European Union's List of Dual-Use Items ("EUDL"). The EUDL contains dual-use items controlled by the four multilateral export control regimes (the Wassenaar Arrangement, the Missile Control Technology Regime, the Australia Group, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group).
- The SGCO 2015 will incorporate revisions such as new entries, deletions, re-categorisation, as well as editorial changes for consistency and clarity of controls. The **highlights of key changes** to the strategic goods control list can be found via our website.
- Singapore Customs will be holding a series of awareness briefings in September 2015 on the changes to the strategic goods control list. Traders, including exporters, carriers, cargo agents and freight forwarders, are encouraged to attend the briefings to familiarise themselves with the updates to ensure continuity in business compliance. You may refer to <a href="Notice No. 12/2015">Notice No. 12/2015</a> for the registration details.

#### Changes to the Brokering Order

- 5 Some strategic goods subject to brokering controls will be re-categorised by the updated strategic goods control list. These technical changes will be reflected in the Strategic Goods (Control) (Brokering) (Amendment) Order 2015.
- The Strategic Goods (Control) (Brokering) (Amendment) Order 2015 will come into effect from 2 November 2015. A summary of changes to the Brokering Order can be found in Annex A.



#### Changes to Transhipment & Transit Controls

- A strategic goods permit will be required for the transhipment and transit of strategic goods prescribed in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Schedules to the Strategic Goods (Control) Regulations ("SGCR") respectively. With the updated strategic goods control list, some of the strategic goods in these Schedules will be re-categorised and new goods will be added to the existing categories of strategic goods subject to transhipment and transit controls. These changes will be reflected in the Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.
- 8 The Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 will come into effect from 2 November 2015. A summary of changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Schedules to the SGCR can be found in **Annex A**.

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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 <a href="mailto:customs\_stgc@customs.gov.sg">customs\_gov.sg</a>.



#### **Additional Information**

# Changes to the Strategic Goods Control List

The highlights of key changes to the SGCO 2015 can be found via www.customs.gov.sg.

### Changes to the Brokering Order

Any person who intends to broker ML1 to ML4 military items and specific ML8 energetic materials listed in the Brokering Order has to be registered with Singapore Customs. To reflect changes to the strategic goods control list, the Brokering Order will be amended, through the Strategic Goods (Control) (Brokering) (Amendment) Order 2015.

The Strategic Goods (Control) (Brokering) (Amendment) Order 2015 does <u>not</u> change the scope of items subject to brokering controls. It only updates the category codes of affected ML8 items.

The summary of changes to the Brokering Order is provided in **Table 1**, where the category codes of items listed in the second column of the table will be replaced with the corresponding category codes listed in the third column.

Table 1: Summary of Changes to the Brokering Order

Type of Change	<b>Current Brokering Order</b>	Revised Brokering Order
Update of category	ML8.a.34.	ML8.a.35. to 39.
codes	ML8.b.2.	ML8.b.1.
	ML8.f.	ML8.f.1. to 3.,
		ML8.f.4.a. to e.,
		ML8.f.5. to 22.
	ML8.g.4	ML8.g.3

#### Changes to Transhipment & Transit Controls

Any person who tranships or brings in transit certain categories of strategic goods (e.g. military articles and nuclear-related items) is required to obtain a strategic goods permit. These goods are prescribed in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Schedules to the SGCR. In view of changes to the strategic goods control list, these Schedules will be amended, through the Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

The amendments include updates to the category codes of some goods, and addition of new goods to the existing categories of strategic goods subject to transhipment and transit controls.

The summary of changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Schedules to the SGCR is provided in **Table 2** and **Table 3** respectively, where the category codes of items listed in the second column will be deleted or replaced with the corresponding category codes listed in the third column.



Table 2: Summary of Changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule to the SGCR

Type of Change

Current 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule to Revised Revised 4th Schedule to the SGCR the SGCR **Deletion of category** 1B227 codes 1C351.b.4 \_ Addition of new 1B234 category codes 1C241 2B233 3A234 3D225 3E225 6D203 6E203 **Update of category** 1C351.a.2. 1C351.a.6. codes 1C351.a.4. 1C351.a.8. 1C351.a.5. 1C351.a.9. 1C351.a.7. 1C351.a.11. 1C351.a.8. 1C351.a.12. 1C351.a.10. 1C351.a.16. 1C351.a.11. 1C351.a.17. 1C351.a.12. 1C351.a.18. 1C351.a.13. 1C351.a.21. 1C351.a.14. 1C351.a.22. 1C351.a.15. 1C351.a.23. 1C351.a.16. 1C351.a.24. 1C351.a.17. 1C351.a.25. 1C351.a.19. 1C351.a.27. 1C351.a.45. 1C351.a.31. 1C351.c.13. 1C351.b.1. 1C351.b.3. 1C351.c.17. 1C351.c.7. 1C351.c.14. 1C351.c.8. 1C351.c.5. 1C351.c.9. 1C351.c.6. 1C351.c.13. 1C351.c.22. 1C352.a.1. 1C351.a.2. 1C352.a.2. 1C351.a.4. 1C352.a.3. 1C351.a.5. 1C351.a.14. 1C352.a.4.

Table 2 (Continuation): Summary of Changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule to the SGCR

Type of Change	Current 4 <sup>th</sup> Schedule to	Revised 4 <sup>th</sup> Schedule to
	the SGCR	the SGCR
Update of category	1C352.a.9.	1C351.a.34.
codes	1C352.a.10.	1C351.a.38.
	1C352.a.12.	1C351.a.43.
	1C352.a.14.	1C351.a.50.
	1C352.a.15.	1C351.a.54.
	1C352.a.17.	1C351.a.1.
	1C352.b.	1C351.c.15.
		1C351.c.16.

Table 3: Summary of Changes to the 5<sup>th</sup> Schedule to the SGCR

Type of Change	Current 5 <sup>th</sup> Schedule to the SGCR	Revised 5 <sup>th</sup> Schedule to the SGCR
Deletion of category codes	1B227	-
Addition of new	-	1B234
category codes	-	1C241
	-	2B233
	-	3A234
	-	3D225
	-	3E225
	-	6D203
	-	6E203

