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All Hauliers, Licensed Warehouse and Zero-GST Warehouse Operators

## **CLEARANCE OF CONTAINERS FROM LICENSED WAREHOUSES AND ZERO-GST WAREHOUSES FOR EXPORT VIA SEA**

Further to the Singapore Customs Circular No: 29/97 dated 27 Oct 1997, we note that the drivers of containers stuffed with dutiable and non-dutiable goods leaving Licensed Warehouses and Zero-GST Warehouses (or Bonded Warehouses) for export have been presenting a **Release Note** issued by the respective licensee to Singapore Customs officers for manual endorsement.

2 As part of our continuous effort to promote productivity and doing away with manual processes, Singapore Customs will no longer be providing any form of endorsement on the **Release Note** and/or "OO" permits for these **containers exported via sea** with effect from 1 Apr 2017.

3 All sea containers clearance information are captured via existing systems, hence there is no need for Singapore Customs officers to physically endorse on the **Release Note** to prove the export of these containers. There is also no need for companies to print out the hard copy of the release note.

4 With this new arrangement, the cargo clearance process for export of sea containers will be simplified, expedited and manual endorsements are eliminated.

5 As per existing permit condition, you are reminded to stop and produce the container(s) at Customs checkpoint(s) for clearance, unless directed to the "Green lane". For container(s) to be scanned, please produce them for scanning at the scanning station as directed.

6 Please note that this circular applies to sea export containers only.

7 For more information, please email us at [customs\\_schemes@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg) or approach your Account Manager in Singapore Customs.

Yours faithfully

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