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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT FROM OR TO IRAN

We would like to inform you that Customs had published the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2017**¹ which will take effect on **31 Jul 2017**. The amendments update the scope of prohibition on importation into, exportation from, or the transshipment or transit through Singapore of certain goods from or to **Iran** in our national controls as prescribed in the UNSC Resolution 2231 (2015).

2 The UNSC Resolution 2231 (2015) allows certain exports of nuclear-related items to Iran if the UNSC has given their prior in-principle approval. They are:

- i) items listed in the INFCIRC/254/Rev.12/Part 1
- ii) items listed in the INFCIRC/254/Rev.9/Part 2
- iii) any items if the state determines that they could contribute to reprocessing or enrichment-related or heavy water-related activities inconsistent with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

UNSC Procurement Channel

3 The resolution endorsed the establishment of a dedicated “procurement channel” for the transfer of the nuclear-related items, materials, equipment, goods and technology to Iran as specified in sub-paras 2 (i), (ii) and (iii). Through this procurement channel, the UNSC will review and approve the export and re-export from Singapore to Iran of the above-mentioned items. These documents can be accessed on the UNSC website at <http://www.un.org/en/sc/2231/restrictions-nuclear.shtml>.

4 To seek the UNSC’s in-principle approval of such exports, you are required to submit a duly completed form and an end-user certification based on the templates provided by the UNSC to Customs. We will forward your request for in-principle

¹ Besides the prohibition of goods in relation to Iran, the Seventh Schedule of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations also lists the prohibition of goods in relation to other countries or territories that are sanctioned by the UNSC.

approval to the UNSC Procurement Channel. The application form can be found at www.customs.gov.sg > Customs Forms & Service Links > Strategic Goods Control Forms > Application Form for Seeking In-principle Approval from the UNSC Procurement Channel. The end-user certification template can be found at www.customs.gov.sg > Customs Forms & Service Links > Strategic Goods Control Forms > End-user Certification Form for Seeking In-principle Approval from the UNSC Procurement Channel. As the UNSC will take some time to process your application, please submit them **at least 2 months prior** to the intended date of exportation. Please note that as these items are also controlled under the Singapore's Strategic Goods (Control) Act, you are required to apply for a strategic goods permit together with your application for the UNSC's in-principle approval. The procedures to apply for a strategic goods permit can be found on Customs' website at www.customs.gov.sg > Businesses > Strategic Goods Control > Permit and Registration Requirements.

5 For re-exports, transshipment and transit from or through Singapore of the goods listed in sub-paras 2 (i), (ii) and (iii) please ensure that approval has been obtained from the UNSC Procurement Channel. Proof of the UNSC Procurement Channel's approval must be submitted together with your strategic goods permit application for the particular shipment.

Permit Application for Imports from and (Re-)exports to Iran

6 As per current practice, **all** other goods which are imported from, exported or re-exported to Iran would require a TradeNet® permit application to be submitted to Customs **at least 3 working days** before the intended date of shipment. You are also reminded to comply with any stipulated permit conditions.

Penalties

7 Under the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (RIEA), any person who contravenes any of these prohibitions shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to –

- a) a fine not exceeding S\$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both, on the first conviction; and
- b) a fine not exceeding S\$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both, on the second or subsequent conviction.

More Information

8 Details on the UNSC sanctions can be found at: <https://www.customs.gov.sg>
> Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions.

9 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online:
<http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

Yours faithfully

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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 customs_stgc@customs.gov.sg.