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Manufacturers, Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

**ADVISORY: TRADENET EXPORT PERMIT DECLARATION PROCEDURE FOR  
GOODS CLAIMING PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT**

This circular serves as a reminder on the procedure for Export Permit declarations via TradeNet. When declaring your export permit, you need to ensure that “PRI” is selected under the “Preferential Indicator” field. This is an indication that preferential tariff treatment will be claimed when the good is imported by your overseas importer. Singapore Customs noted that there have been occurrences of “PRI” not being selected under the “Preferential Indicator” field in the export permit declaration although the exporter has submitted an origin declaration on the invoice, or commercial document which certifies that the goods qualify as originating for their exports under the respective Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) self-certification or self-declaration scheme. This has resulted in inaccurate and incomplete information declared in the export permit applications.

**“PRI” under the “Preferential Indicator” field**

2 We would like to remind all manufacturers, traders and Declaring Agents that it is mandatory to select “PRI” under the “Preferential Indicator” field in TradeNet export permit declaration if your overseas importer would be claiming preferential tariff treatment based on the self-certification or self-declaration provisions under the respective FTAs listed in **Annex A**. For more information on self-certification or self-declaration scheme and the FTAs involved, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions in **Annex A**. Please check with your TradeNet frontend solution vendor if you are unable to locate the “Preferential Indicator” field.

3 Please share the above information with your appointed logistics providers, and Declaring Agents who make export permit declarations on your behalf.

## **Clarification**

4 Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions in **Annex A** for more details. Alternatively, you may send your enquiries to [customs\\_roo@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_roo@customs.gov.sg) for further clarifications on the contents of this circular.

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\\_roo@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_roo@customs.gov.sg).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q1: Which are the FTAs that are under the self-certification or self-declaration scheme?**

**A1:** The FTAs which are under the self-certification or self-declaration scheme that Singapore is a party with are as follows:

- a) Agreement between Singapore and New Zealand on a Closer Economic Partnership (ANZSCEP);
- b) Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)<sup>1</sup> involving Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam;
- c) European-Singapore Free Trade Association FTA (ESFTA) involving Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland;
- d) Panama-Singapore FTA;
- e) Singapore-Australia FTA (SAFTA);
- f) Singapore-Costa Rica FTA;
- g) Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (Trans-Pacific SEP) involving Brunei, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore;
- h) Turkey-Singapore FTA (TRSFTA);
- i) US-Singapore FTA (USSFTA)

**Q2: Should I apply for a Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO) via TradeNet if I am exporting under ANZSCEP, CPTPP, ESFTA, SAFTA, TRSFTA, USSFTA, Panama-Singapore FTA, Singapore-Costa Rica FTA or Trans-Pacific SEP?**

**A2:** For the mentioned FTAs, they are under the self-certification or the self-declaration scheme where the certification or declaration of a good's origin is to be made by a specific party (eg. exporter, manufacturer, importer) in a manner prescribed in the relevant FTA without the need for an authorized PCO issued by Singapore Customs.

**Q3: As an exporter, should I indicate "PRI" under the "Preferential Indicator" field if my overseas importer does not intend to claim preferential tariff treatment for the goods imported under the FTA prior to the export permit declaration?**

**A3:** We would advise the exporter to re-confirm with their overseas importer on their intention on claiming preferential tariffs prior to the export permit declaration. If your overseas importer intends to claim preferential tariffs on the imported goods, please ensure that the "PRI" is selected under the "Preferential Indicator" field.

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<sup>1</sup> CPTPP is expected to enter into force on 30 Dec 2018 for Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore; and on 14 Jan 2019 for Vietnam.

**Q4: If my overseas importer would like to claim preferential tariff treatment on the imports but I had submitted an export permit declaration without indicating “PRI” under the “Preferential Indicator” field, can I amend my export permit declaration to reflect “PRI”?**

**A4:** The “Preferential Indicator” field cannot be amended to reflect “PRI” after the export permit declaration have been submitted. Please cancel and re-apply for the export permit with “PRI” selected under the “Preferential Indicator” field.