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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM (ACTS)

The ACTS is a regional initiative that facilitates the transit movement of goods via land transport within ASEAN. The ACTS will be implemented in ASEAN Member States (“AMS”) viz. Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam on 2 Nov 2020.

2 Under the ACTS, traders can take up one guarantee and submit a single ACTS electronic declaration to cover the entire transit journey. Traders can look forward to time savings and cost reduction, as well as better connectivity in moving goods across AMS.

Registration of Traders

3 The ACTS is open to all traders (including importers, exporters, transporters, freight forwarders, and Customs agents) who transport goods across AMS. Traders are required to register as ACTS traders with Singapore Customs before they can use the ACTS to facilitate the transport of goods across borders. Applications may be submitted via email to Customs_Documentation@customs.gov.sg.

4 The following registration forms for ACTS are available on the Singapore Customs Website www.customs.gov.sg > E-Services > Customs Forms & Service Links > ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) Forms:

- a) **Trader Application Form** – For registration as an ACTS trader (also known as Principal). The Principal will be issued with a Trader Identification Number (TIN) for submission of declarations in ACTS;
- b) **Employee Declarant Details and Authorisation Form** – For authorisation of the Principal’s employee(s) for submission of declarations in ACTS; and
- c) **Broker or Representative Authorisation Letter** – For authorisation of a different legal entity to submit declarations on behalf of the Principal.

Lodgement of Guarantee

5 Before the commencement of a transit journey, ACTS traders are required to lodge a single journey or multiple journey guarantee in the country of departure where the goods are loaded. You may submit the form for the single journey or multiple journey guarantee to any bank or finance company which is registered with the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

6 The following guarantee forms for ACTS are available on the ACTS website at <https://acts.asean.org> > Trader's Guide > Guarantee or the Singapore Customs Website www.customs.gov.sg > E-Services > Customs Forms & Service Links > ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) Forms:

- a) **Single Journey Guarantee Document** – For lodgement of guarantee covering a single transit operation
- b) **Multiple Journey Guarantee Document** – For lodgement of guarantee covering several transit operations

Domestic Procedures

7 Please note that Singapore's domestic customs procedures will continue to apply to the movement of goods into and out of Singapore under the ACTS. ACTS traders are therefore required to apply for the relevant customs permit via TradeNet to fulfil existing domestic requirements, in addition to submitting the declaration in ACTS.

More Information

8 For more information on the ACTS, please visit www.customs.gov.sg > Businesses > ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS).

Yours faithfully

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