

## **SINGAPORE CUSTOMS PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Singapore Customs arrested a proprietor for fraudulent evasion of GST**

On 7 August 2003, Singapore Customs arrested the sole proprietor (a 40-year female, Singapore permanent resident) of a retail shop at Tanjong Pagar Road for fraudulent evasion of Goods & Services Tax (GST). The shop deals in artifacts, paintings, ceramics, carvings and ornaments imported from China.

Investigations revealed that the proprietor had under declared to Customs the value of the goods imported. The under-valuation had resulted in GST short payment amounting to \$7,485.93.

The sole proprietor was arrested and will be charged in court on 8 August 2003.

Upon conviction by the Court, the offender may be fined up to 20 times the tax evaded.

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