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Exercise DEEP SABRE 2005 – Port Search Phase

1. Singapore Customs will lead the final Phase of Exercise Deep Sabre at the Pasir Panjang Scanning Station on 18 August 2005. In this phase, the container suspected to contain Weapons of Mass Destruction or related materials is identified, unloaded from the ship, scanned, inspected and tested.
2. The Port Search Phase is the final phase of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) exercise, Exercise Deep Sabre from 15-19 Aug 2005.
3. The Port Search Phase of the exercise will demonstrate the coordination and cooperation between government agencies and private corporations. It will also put to test the existing procedures and technical equipment used in searching and inspecting the suspect container after the vessel has been successfully interdicted and escorted to port.
4. The following government agencies and private corporations will be participating together with Singapore Customs in the Port Search Phase of the exercise:
 - Government Agencies
 - a. Immigration & Checkpoint Authority (ICA)
 - b. Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)
 - c. Ministry of Defence (MINDEF)
 - d. Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF)
 - Private Corporations
 - e. Neptune Orient Lines Ltd (NOL)
 - f. PSA Corporation Ltd (PSA)
5. Singapore Customs is the national agency tasked with the administration and enforcement of the Strategic Goods (Control) Act, which seeks to regulate trade in strategic goods¹ and technology that could be used for weapons of mass destruction purposes.
6. The Port Search exercise ends with the container being re-sealed and detained by Singapore Customs at a secured site.

Singapore Customs
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¹ Strategic goods refer to goods relating to the development, production and use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and also conventional arms and military equipment. These include certain "dual-use" goods that have both civilian and military applications such as certain electronic components, machine tools, cameras, lasers, cryptography software, and chemicals.