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To Traders, Shipping Agents and Declaring Agents

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT, EXPORT, TRANSHIPMENT AND BRINGING-IN-TRANSIT OF GOODS ORIGINATING FROM OR DESTINED FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Singapore Customs would like to remind traders, shipping agents and declaring agents that under the Seventh Schedule of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (RIER), the import, export, transshipment, and transit of any goods that are for the purposes of trade with any person in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is strictly prohibited.

2 In accordance with Regulation 5A of the RIER, goods that are not for the purposes of trade¹ originating from, or bound for, the DPRK, **must not be imported into, exported out of, transhipped in, or brought in transit through Singapore without a permit**. For non-commercial transactions from or to the DPRK, prohibition applies to goods that have been sanctioned under the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs), or which are published under the Seventh Schedule of the RIER.

Permit Applications for All Non-Commercial Items Imported from, Exported to, Transhipped or Brought in Transit from or to the DPRK through Singapore

4 All non-commercial goods from or to the DPRK which are imported into, exported or re-exported from, or transhipped or brought in transit through Singapore, would require a TradeNet® permit which should be submitted to Customs together with supporting documents **at least 3 working days** before the intended date of shipment. Supporting documents should include documents to show that the shipment is non-commercial in nature (e.g. a letter of authorisation issued by a United Nations programme). Please be reminded to comply with all the conditions stipulated in the approved permits.

¹ Non-commercial transactions include for example, personal or household effects, not listed in the Seventh Schedule, diplomatic correspondence or human corpses, human remains, human bones or cremated ashes as specified in Reg 5 (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c).

Penalties

5 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 of 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 of 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

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

7 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: sso.agc.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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