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Traders and Declaring Agents

## **JOINT ADVISORY: TRANSFERS OF ITEMS WITH POTENTIAL MILITARY APPLICATION TO AREAS OF CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE IN THE REGION**

As a responsible member of the international community, as well as to ensure regional peace and security, Singapore seeks to prevent the transfer of items which have been assessed to have potential military application to jurisdictions within our region where there is a serious risk that the items may be used for violence against unarmed civilians.

2 Given the current situation in Myanmar, it is in Singapore's essential security interests to avoid contributing to further violence and instability in Myanmar, and mitigate possible spill-over effects which will affect regional peace and security.

3 This is in line with Singapore's firm commitment to measures that will facilitate the de-escalation of violence in Myanmar and support ASEAN and the UN's efforts to achieve a negotiated political solution.

4 Singapore voted in favour of the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/75/287 "The Situation in Myanmar" on 18 June 2021, and fully supports the exhortation in the resolution for the international community to prevent the flow of arms into Myanmar, in line with the Secretary-General's call for a global ceasefire supported by the Security Council as well as the need to de-escalate violence.

5 In view of all these considerations, Singapore will not authorise the transfer of items which have been assessed to have potential military application to Myanmar, and other jurisdictions within our region as necessary, in circumstances where there is a serious risk that the items may be used to perpetrate violence against unarmed civilians. We believe that this is necessary for the maintenance of regional peace and stability, and is in the public interest of Singapore. Traders may wish to take note of this when applying for a permit or licence with Singapore Customs and/or the Singapore Police Force, for the transfer of such items into Myanmar.

6 For any enquiry, please contact the following:

- a. Police Licensing & Regulatory Department at Tel: 6835 0000 or email to [SPF\\_Licensing\\_Feedback@spf.gov.sg](mailto:SPF_Licensing_Feedback@spf.gov.sg); and/or

b. Singapore Customs at Tel: 6355 2000 or email to [customs\\_stgc@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_stgc@customs.gov.sg).

7 Thank you.

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**Singapore Customs**  
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