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All Traders and Declaring Agents

### EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY IMPORT PERIOD TO 6 MONTHS

The Temporary Import (“TI”) Scheme allows goods, except for liquor and tobacco products, to be imported without payment of duty and/or Goods and Services Tax (GST) if they are to be re-exported within a certain timeframe from the date of importation. The goods must be imported for approved purposes, such as exhibitions, fairs, auctions, repairs, stage performances, testing, experiments and demonstration. If the goods are not re-exported within the stipulated timeframe, the duty and/or GST will be payable.

2 As announced in the Singapore Budget 2012, the temporary import relief period of 3 months will be extended to 6 months with effect from 1 April 2012. Please note that any request for further extension of an approved temporary import period will still be at a maximum of 3 months and assessed on a case by case basis. There is no change to the other existing terms and conditions of the scheme. Please refer to **Annex A** for the list of eligible items.

3 For further clarification, please email your enquiries to [customs\\_documentation@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_documentation@customs.gov.sg) or contact our Customs Call Centre at 6355 2000.

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## ANNEX A

Effective 1 April 2012, TradeNet<sup>®</sup> permit applications submitted under Message Type “**In-Non-Payment**” with Declaration Type “**TCO**”, “**TCS**” or “**TCR**” for the following will enjoy the new temporary import relief period of up to 6 months:

- a) Temporary import of goods for repairs, modification or treatment and subsequently re-exported as well as spare parts imported for use in goods to be repaired, modified or treated and such goods to be subsequently exported.
- b) Temporary import of professional equipment including spare parts therefor.
- c) Temporary import of teaching aids and scientific equipment including spare parts therefor.
- d) Temporary import of live animals.
- e) Stage effects, equipment and paraphernalia and live animals required for performances.
- f) Motor vehicle for temporary use by foreigners.
- g) All goods excluding intoxicating liquors and tobacco temporarily imported for display or use at exhibitions, fairs or other similar events.
- h) Temporary import of scientific and technical goods approved by the Director-General.
- i) Temporary import of equipment, apparel and accessories required for conducting international conferences, conventions and ceremonies, or other similar events.