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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

**PROHIBITION OF ALL COMMERCIALY TRADED GOODS THAT ARE IMPORTED, EXPORTED, TRANSHIPPED OR BROUGHT IN TRANSIT FROM OR TO THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA THROUGH SINGAPORE**

We wish to inform you that with effect from **8 Nov 2017**, Singapore will prohibit all commercially traded goods (exchanged for money or barter traded) from or to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), regardless of whether they are imported, exported, transhipped or brought in transit through Singapore.

2 For non-commercial<sup>1</sup> transactions from or to the DPRK, prohibition applies to goods that are sanctioned under the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions 2371 (2017) and 2375 (2017) as published in the Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 which will also take effect on the same date (8 Nov 2017).

**Permit Applications for Non-commercial Transactions that are Imported from, Exported or (Re-)exported to and Transhipped or Brought in Transit from or to the DPRK through Singapore**

3 Traders should note that any non-commercial goods which are imported from, exported or re-exported to, or transhipped or brought in transit from or to the DPRK through Singapore, would require a TradeNet<sup>®</sup> permit which should be submitted to Customs at least 3 working days before the intended date of shipment. Traders are also reminded to comply with all conditions stipulated in the approved permits.

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

4 Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations, the importation into, exportation from, and transshipment or transit through Singapore of any commercially traded goods and non-commercial goods which will contravene the decisions of the UNSC in resolutions made under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter are prohibited.

5 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 [https://www.customs.gov.sg> Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions](https://www.customs.gov.sg/Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions).

7 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

Yours faithfully

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