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ENHANCED STRATEGIC GOODS CONTROL SYSTEM

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1. The Strategic Goods (Control) Act was passed in Parliament on 25 November 2002 to put in place an enhanced system to regulate trade in strategic goods and related technology. The enhanced strategic goods control system will be implemented on 1 January 2003.
2. Under the Act, traders are required to apply for a permit for:
 - the export and transshipment of strategic goods listed in the Schedule to the Act
 - the export, transshipment or bringing into transit of any other goods that the trader knows, has reasonable grounds to suspect or has been informed by the authorities, that these would be used to produce or develop weapons of mass destruction (WMD) (i.e., nuclear, biological or chemical weapons or missiles delivering such weapons).
 - the electronic transmission of military, encryption and WMD end-use technology
 - brokering activities directly related to offensive categories of conventional arms such as small arms and light weapons
3. Permits can be applied electronically using an upgraded TradeNet system. No additional charges will be levied for permits under the Act.
4. The maximum penalties for non-compliance of the Act are:

- Up to \$100,000 fine or 3 times the value of the goods, or/and 2 years jail for a first offence
 - Up to \$200,000 fine or 4 times the value of the goods, or/and 3 years jail for subsequent offences.
5. Details of the Act may be obtained from the Strategic Goods Control Website at http://www.stgc.gov.sg/stgc/index_home.jsp
6. For matters relating to the administration of the control list, brokering registration, permit applications of electronic transmission or intangible transfer of technology and WMD brokering, as well as feedback on procedures under the Strategic Goods (Control) Act, you can contact the National Authority at:

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