

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **SS GLOBAL FREIGHT PTE LTD FINED \$22,000 FOR FALSE DECLARATION ON CLOTHING EXPORTS**

On 14 February 2007, SS Global Freight Pte Ltd pleaded guilty to four counts of the offence of making a false declaration on the country of origin of goods it exported. This is in violation of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (RIEA). The company was fined a total of \$22,000.

2 SS Global Freight Pte Ltd, a logistics operator had imported four shipments of ladies' undergarments and socks from China and subsequently re-exported the goods to the United States of America (USA). However, when applying for export permits, the company had falsely declared the country of origin of the goods as from "Indonesia", despite knowing that the country of origin for these goods was actually China. The four offences took place in April and August 2006.

3 This is not the first time that Singapore-based companies have falsely declared the country of origin for their exports. In 2006, two other companies were also fined for similar offences.

4 Under Regulation 3 of the RIEA, companies engaging in the export of goods are required to apply for export permit from Singapore Customs to authorise the export of goods out from Singapore.

5 Singapore Customs reiterates that companies engaging in exports, imports and trans-shipments must exercise due diligence to ensure that the information provided to the authorities for the purpose of making a permit declaration is accurate. Under the RIEA, false declaration is punishable by up to a maximum fine of \$10,000 or jail of up to three years, or both. For more information on trading compliance, please visit [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg) and [www.tradenet.gov.sg](http://www.tradenet.gov.sg).

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