



Singapore Customs Media Release

DUO FINED OVER \$37,500 FOR UNDER-DECLARING VALUES OF 34 IMPORTED CARS

A Singaporean man and a female Singapore Permanent Resident were last week fined a total of \$37,524.56 for under-declaring the values of 34 cars of various makes and models imported from Japan.

2 Ng Wee Siang, 33, and Tan Wei Gek (Ms), 32, pleaded guilty to eight and four charges respectively. The charges were related to incorrect declarations of the values of the cars, which were imported between February and August 2005. The incorrect declarations resulted in the underpayment of excise duty and Goods and Services Tax (GST) amounting to \$24,537.91 and \$7,361.37 respectively.

3 Ng was sentenced by the court to fines totalling \$24,752.94 or in default 122 days' imprisonment, while Tan was sentenced to fines totalling \$12,771.62 or in default 63 days' imprisonment. Ng and Tan faced another 18 and 10 charges respectively, which were taken into consideration in the sentencing.

4 Singapore Customs began investigating the business activities of A Value Trading Private Limited, of which Ng was the director, in January 2006. The investigations revealed that between February and August 2005, Ng had made incorrect declarations of the values of 34 imported cars. Tan had abetted Ng in the commission of the offences relating to 17 of the 34 cars involved.

5 The duo were arrested by Singapore Customs and charged in court in March 2009.

6 Under the Customs Act, it is the responsibility of importers to ensure the accuracy and completeness of declarations submitted to Singapore Customs. Any person who is guilty of making incorrect declarations will be liable on conviction to a fine of up to \$10,000 or the duty/GST payable, whichever is higher, or imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both.

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