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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT TO CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC THROUGH SINGAPORE

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

2 With the adoption of UNSCR 2648 (2022) on the Central African Republic, Singapore has updated the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER to update the prohibitions imposed by the UNSC. This update will incorporate revisions in prohibitions and editorial amendments.

3 The updated prohibitions have been published in the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2023**. These Regulations will take effect on **15 March 2023**.

Permit Applications for Items Exported to, Transhipped or Brought in Transit to Central African Republic through Singapore

4 In conjunction with the adoption of UNSCR 2648 (2022) on the Central African Republic, any export, transshipment, and transit of, and the supply of which has been notified in advance to the committee established under paragraph 57 of resolution 2127 (2013):

- a) arms and related matériel by any other United Nations member states' forces providing training and assistance (including operational and non-operational training) to the Central African Republic security forces (including state civilian law enforcement institutions) intended solely for the support of, or use in, the Central African Republic process of Security Sector Reform (SSR), in coordination with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA);
- b) arms and related matériel brought into the Central African Republic by Chadian or Sudanese forces solely for their use in international patrols of the

tripartite force established on 23 May 2011 in Khartoum by the Central African Republic, Chad and Sudan, to enhance security in the common border areas, in cooperation with MINUSCA;

- c) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for self-protection or humanitarian aid;
- d) small arms and other related equipment intended solely for use in international-led patrols providing security by armed wildlife rangers of the Chinko Project and the Bamingui-Bangoran National Park to defend against poaching, smuggling of ivory and arms, and other activities contrary to the national laws of the Central African Republic or the Central African Republic's international legal obligations; and
- e) weapons, ammunition, military vehicles and equipment supplied to the Central African Republic security forces (including state civilian law enforcement institutions), intended solely for support of or use in the Central African Republic process of SSR

is not prohibited under the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER.

More Information

5 Details on the UNSC sanctions can be found at: <https://www.customs.gov.sg> > Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions.

6 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: sso.agc.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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