

# **Prohibition of Exports of Arms and Related Materials to Liberia and Imports of Rough Diamonds from Liberia**

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To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders,  
Cargo Agents and Carriers

## **Exports of Arms and Related Materials**

We wish to inform you that in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 1343 (2001), the exportation from Singapore to Liberia of the following items:

- a. arms and related materials of all types, including
  - i) weapons;
  - ii) ammunition;
  - iii) military vehicles and equipment;
  - iv) paramilitary equipment; and
- b) spare parts for the items listed in (a)

is prohibited under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (Rg 1) with immediate effect.

## **Imports of Diamonds**

Please note also that from 7 May 2001, the direct or indirect **importation** of all rough diamonds of HS Heading 7102 from Liberia into Singapore will be prohibited under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (Rg 1).

## **Submission of Permit Applications**

The prohibition shall not apply to the supply of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use where advance approval has been obtained from the Committee of the Security Council established by paragraph 14 of Resolution 1343 (2001). For such items, please submit your Permit applications through TradeNet early for processing as you may be required to produce supporting documents for your shipments to or from Liberia. Your cooperation will assist us in minimising any delays in the processing of your applications.

## Penalties

Any person who contravenes the prohibition shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction -

- a) to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods whichever is greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both; and
- b) on the second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods, whichever is greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

## TradeNet Users

If you are a TradeNet user, please update your front-end software to include the following message:

P07 WARNING - YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE WITHIN THE AMBIT OF THE REGULATION 6 [PROHIBITED GOODS] OF THE REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REGULATIONS (Rg 1) [s530/95]. PLEASE REFER TO THEM AND I&E NOTICE NO. 2/2001 FOR COMPLIANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER.

- i. where the Port of Loading and/or Country of Origin is Liberia (LR) for the import of rough diamonds; and
- ii. where the country of final destination is Liberia for the export of arms and related materials.

Please consult your software vendor if you need assistance in updating this message into your PC system.

## Further Enquiries

Please note that Imports and Exports Notice No. 12/96 dated 2 Aug 96 on the exports of weapons and military equipment to Liberia is superseded by this Notice. For further clarifications on the permit applications, you may contact Customs Call Centre at Tel No: **63552000**. We thank you for your cooperation.

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