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To All Licensed Warehouse and
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**BILLING OF SUPERVISION FEE FOR STUFFING AND
UNSTUFFING OPERATIONS AT LICENSED WAREHOUSES**

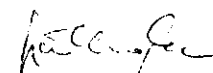


Currently, the licensee is billed separately for the time taken by Customs to supervise the stuffing and unstuffing of containers belonging to each importer/exporter at the same licensed warehouse. As supervision fee is charged at a rate of \$40 per hour or part thereof, there were occasions whereby more than one container belonging to different importers and exporters were stuffed and/or unstuffed concurrently but supervision fee was charged accordingly to the importers/exporters as separate operations.

2 We have reviewed the billing procedures and are pleased to announce that with effect from 1 Dec 01, concurrent and continuous stuffing and/or unstuffing of containers belonging to different importers/exporters at the same licensed warehouse will be treated as a single operation. The total time taken by Customs will be used for the computation of supervision fee, regardless of the number of importers/exporters and containers supervised. This will result in cost savings to the licensees as there will be no overlapping in supervision time.

3 Accordingly, only a single Service Report (SR) will be issued to the licensee and there will not be multiple issues of SRs based on individual importers/exporters.

4 The new billing procedures have been conceived with a view to lowering the operating cost of doing business in Singapore. As such, we will closely monitor the new billing procedures to ensure smooth implementation. At the same time, we would appreciate that you disseminate the information to your clients as they will certainly benefit from our revised billing procedures.


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