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To All traders,



## **CESSATION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT SCHEME**

We would like to inform you of the cessation of Security Deposit Scheme with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2003.

2 In replacement of the current practice of lodging security deposits with Customs for the temporary import of high value items, all importers will henceforth need to apply for a Temporary Import Permit, which comes under the Temporary Import Scheme (TIS). You will need to engage a local declaring agent registered with Customs to apply on your behalf a Temporary Import Permit on such goods prior to your arrival in Singapore. A list of these companies can be obtained from the websites of the Singapore Logistics Association (<http://www.sla.org.sg>), Singapore Air-cargo Association (<http://www.saaa.org.sg>).

3 On arrival in Changi Airport, you only need to obtain from your declaring agent the permit number and furnish it to the Customs Officer in the Customs Duty Office for clearance of your hand-carried goods. With regard to the subsequent re-export of the goods, an Outward permit need to be taken out. At the time of departure at Changi Airport, you are required to produce the permit together with the goods for Customs clearance. GST will be paid for any goods that are disposed of in Singapore or unaccounted for. For more information concerning the TIS, you may wish to call Singapore Customs and Excise Department's hotline at Tel No. 65-63552000 or visit our website at [www.customs.gov.sg](http://www.customs.gov.sg).

4 If you decide not to bring the high value items into Singapore, you could place the goods with Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS) Security services for safekeeping. For further information, the Duty Officer of SATS Strongroom Office could be contacted at Tel No. 6541 8740.

Yours sincerely

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