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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED STATES-SINGAPORE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

As part of our continual efforts to enhance global supply chain security and facilitate the movement of legitimate goods, Singapore Customs signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) on 1 December 2014 with the United States Customs and Border Protection (US CBP). The MRA will be operational with effect from 1 February 2015.

2 Under this MRA, US CBP will recognise Singapore's Secure Trade Partnership-Plus (STP-Plus) companies as being of lower risk and thus facilitate the clearance of goods that are exported to or imported from these companies.

STP-Plus companies exporting to the United States

3 Companies who have previously exported to the United States will already have a Manufacturer Identification Number (MID) with US CBP. For STP-Plus companies who export to the United States, your status as a STP-Plus company will be recognised when your business partner in the United States uses your MID number in the United States Importer Security Filing and/or Customs Entry.

4 In the event you are not aware of your MID number, please contact your business partner in the United States to obtain the MID number assigned to your company.

5 For first-time exporters to the United States, please contact your business partner(s) in the United States to create a MID number for use in the United States Importer Security Filing and/or Customs Entry.

6 **All STP-Plus exporters should inform your Account Manager (from Singapore Customs) of the MID number assigned to your company.** Singapore Customs will provide your company's MID number to the US CBP for the provision of MRA benefits.

Importing from United States C-TPAT companies

7 Singapore companies who are importing from a United States C-TPAT company can obtain the C-TPAT account number from your United States business partner and declare it in the TradeNet[®] import declaration as follows:

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	US
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	C-TPAT account number

Clarifications

8 If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to us at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg or contact the Customs Call Centre at 6355 2000 for assistance.

Yours faithfully

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We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg.