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Dear Sir / Madam

Accurate Customs Declaration for Importing Power-Assisted Bicycles and Motorised Personal Mobility Devices

1. Power-Assisted Bicycles (PABs) and motorised Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) are classified as controlled goods¹ under the Small Motorised Vehicles (Safety) Act 2020 (SMVA). All importers must therefore obtain approval from Land Transport Authority (LTA) via Customs Permit in TradeNet, prior to importing such devices to Singapore.
2. We have observed an increasing number of cases where enforcement actions were taken against individuals and companies for not declaring or wrongly declaring PABs or motorised PMDs (e.g. PAB being declared as bicycle).
3. When dealing with goods with ambiguous descriptors, ensure that you obtain written verifications from the exporter or overseas logistics counterpart to ascertain the nature of the goods before submitting a declaration. For example, 'bicycle', 'kick-scooter' or 'skateboard' could either be non-motorised or motorised. If it is motorised and powered, usually by batteries, the device is classified as controlled goods that require LTA's approval prior to import.
4. Regardless of the purpose of import or value of the goods to be imported, it is an offence under the SMVA to import PABs or motorised PMDs into Singapore without a Customs permit granted by LTA.
5. For further information or enquiries on the LTA's import control regime for PABs and motorised PMDs, please visit go.gov.sg/pmdimport or contact us at LTA_import_amdevice@lta.gov.sg.

Thank you.

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¹ The Harmonised System or HS codes for submitting a declaration in TradeNet for PABs are 87116094 and 87116095, and 87116092 for motorised PMDs.