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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAIWAN-SINGAPORE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

As part of our 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) in July 2013 with the Customs Administration of Taiwan (Taiwan Customs). The MRA will be operational with effect from 1 April 2014.

2 Under this MRA, Taiwan Customs 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. Singapore Customs will extend the same treatment to Taiwan's Security and Safety AEO (AEOS) companies and to the goods that are exported to or imported from these companies.

#### Exporting to or Importing from Taiwan AEOS

3 For Singapore companies who are exporting to or importing from Taiwan AEOS, please obtain the AEO code from your Taiwan business partner (an AEOS company) and declare it in the TradeNet<sup>®</sup> export or import declaration as follows:

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	TW
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	XXXXXXXXX

## STP-Plus companies exporting to or importing from Taiwan

4 For STP-Plus companies who are exporting to or importing from Taiwan companies, please provide your STP code to your business partner in Taiwan. Your business partner in Taiwan need not be an AEOS company.

## Domestic facilitation clearance for STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters

5 To continue to enjoy a higher level of facilitated clearance in Singapore, STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters are reminded to declare their STP Code in the TradeNet<sup>®</sup> 4.1 import and export declarations as illustrated below.

The STP Code comes in the following format:

# AEOSGXXXXXXXXXXXX

CPC PC1 PC2

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	SG
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	XXXXXXXXXXXX

#### **Clarifications**

6 If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to us at <u>customs schemes@customs.gov.sg</u> or contact the Customs Call Centre at 6355 2000 for assistance.

Yours faithfully

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