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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO THE PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS, TRANSHIPMENTS AND GOODS IN TRANSIT TO HAITI AND SOMALIA FROM OR THROUGH SINGAPORE

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (RIER), the importation into, exportation from, transshipment in or transit through Singapore of any goods which will contravene the decisions of the United Nations Security Council in resolutions (UNSCR) made under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, are prohibited.

2 With the adoption of UNSCR 2699 (2023) on Haiti and UNSCRs 2173 (2023) and 2174 (2023) on Somalia, Singapore has updated the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER, to update the prohibitions imposed by the UNSC. The updated prohibitions have been published in the **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2024**. The update incorporates revisions in prohibitions and editorial amendments which will take effect on **26 July 2024**.

Permit Applications for Items Exported, Transhipped or Brought in Transit to Haiti from or through Singapore

3 Traders should note that any export, transshipment and transit of **small arms, light weapons and ammunition** to Haiti **is prohibited** under the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER, except that:

- (a) They are supplied, sold or transferred to (i) the United Nations (UN), or (ii) a UN-authorized mission or (iii) a security unit that operates under the command of the Government of Haiti and intended to be used by or in coordination with those entities, and intended solely to further the objectives of peace and stability in Haiti, or
- (b) Their supply, sale or transfer has been approved in advance by the committee established under paragraph 19 of UNSCR 2563 (2022).

Permit Applications for Items Exported, Transhipped or Brought in Transit to Somalia from or through Singapore

4 Traders should note that any export, transhipment and transit of **weapons, ammunition or military equipment** to Somalia **is prohibited** under the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER, except that:

- (a) They are delivered or supplied to, or intended solely for the support of, or use by (i) the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia (GFRS), (ii) the Somali National Army, (iii) the National Intelligence and Security Agency, (iv) the Somali National Police Force, or (v) the Somali Custodial Corps; or
- (b) They are intended solely for the support of, or use by (i) Somalia's Federal Member States and regional governments, or (ii) licenced private security companies operating in Somalia, provided that the deliveries of the listed items provide security for international and commercial premises and personnel in Somalia, and there is no negative decision by the committee established under UNSCRs 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) within 5 working days of receiving a notification from the GFRS or a notification to the committee established under UNSCRs 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) is made at least 5 working days in advance by the GFRS, as the case may be.

5 Traders should note that any export, transhipment and transit of **nitric acid and sulphuric acid** to Somalia **is prohibited** under the Seventh Schedule, read with regulation 6(2)(c) of the RIER.

More Information

6 Details on the UNSC sanctions can be found at: <https://www.customs.gov.sg> > Businesses > United Nations Security Council Sanctions.

7 You may view the subsidiary legislation at Singapore Statutes Online: sso.agc.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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