

New Joint Declaration For the Export and Transhipment Transit of Strategic Goods

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To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders, Cargo Agents and Carriers

NEW JOINT DECLARATION FOR THE EXPORT AND TRANSHIPMENT/TRANSIT OF STRATEGIC GOODS

This is to notify you of the TradeNet declaration requirements arising from the Strategic Good (Control) Bill (SGC Bill) that was passed in Parliament on 25 Nov 02. It would come into effect on **1 Jan 2003**. The SGC Bill regulates:

- the export, transhipment and bringing into transit of strategic goods and strategic goods technology;
- the electronic transmission of certain military, encryption and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) end-use technology; and
- the brokering of arms, explosives and WMD end-use goods.

2 You may wish to view the SGC Bill from this website:
<http://www.gov.sg/parliament/bills/html/bills.html>

Joint Declaration 3 (JNTDEC3)

3 To facilitate your compliance and declaration requirement, a new **Joint Declaration 3 (JNTDEC3)** has been created and incorporated into the TradeNet Upgrade Version 3.1 System. You will need to apply for the new TradeNet "JNTDEC3" Permit if the strategic goods or technology you are exporting and transhipping are listed in **Parts II and III of the Schedules** of the SGC Bill.

4 In addition, you will need to apply for the "JNTDEC3" permit before you export, tranship or bring in transit any other goods or technology, if you:

- have been informed by the authorities,
- are aware, or
- has reasonable grounds to suspect

that the goods or technology is to be used for the purposes of the production or development of a nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, or missiles capable of delivering such weapons.

5 We would urge you to make use of and familiarise yourself with the new JNTDEC3 in the month of Dec 02 during the parallel run for TradeNet Version 3.1 upgrade.

One Declaration for Controls on Overlapping Items

6 Strategic goods such as arms and munitions, chemical weapons precursors, etc. which are currently subject to the purview of certain Controlling Agencies, will continue to be subjected to these agencies' existing licensing and other regulatory requirements. However, for the purpose of TradeNet permit declaration, you will only need to apply for **ONE** TradeNet Permit i.e. the JNTDEC3 permit, instead of the normal TradeNet Permit. Your permit will be processed by the Controlling Agencies first, and then by CED which is the final processing authority and enforcement agency for export, transshipment/transit of Strategic Goods.

Permit Declarations for Exports - JNTDEC3 "XO" Declaration Type

7 For **exports** of strategic goods stated in Part II of the Schedule in the SGC Bill, you must obtain an Export Permit through TradeNet (**JNTDEC3 - "XO" Declaration Type**) before the export.

Permit Declarations for Transshipment and Transit ? JNTDEC3 "XP" Declaration Type

8 For **transshipment** of strategic goods stated in Part III of the Schedule in the SGC Bill, you must obtain a Transshipment Permit through (**JNTDEC3 - "XP" Declaration Type with Purpose Type "TC" for storage of FCL containers in Class II (dangerous cargo) Bonded Warehouse pending transshipment, or Purpose Type "TN" for all other transshipment**) before the goods leave Singapore for its next destination. [Transshipment refers to goods that are on through bills of lading or airway bill and offloaded from one conveyance to the same or another conveyance, to be sent to another foreign destination. These goods do not have a local consignee.]

9 For **transit** of strategic goods that is related to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) purposes as stated in Section 5 (2) (a) of the SGC Bill , you must obtain a Transit Permit through TradeNet? (**JNTDEC3 - "XP" Declaration Type with Purpose Type "TA"**) before the conveyance reaches Singapore. [Transit refers to goods that stay on board of the conveyance headed for another foreign destination. These goods would not be offloaded and do not have a local consignee.]

Additional Declaration Fields

10 The JNTDEC3 would require you to declare the following additional fields:

- the Description and Category Codes of the item as listed in the Schedule of the Bill (You may obtain a list of the Descriptions

and corresponding Category Codes from IE Singapore and CED; or from the strategic goods control website, <http://www.stgc.gov.sg> which will be launched soon);

- the consignee name and address
- the end-user name and address
- the end-use codes
 - Code (1) whether it is meant for military or non-military
 - Code (2) whether it is meant for government or non-government
 - Code (3) whether it is for WMD or non-WMD
- the end-use description if it is a WMD item for military end-use but for non-government purposes, you will need to describe the usage of the goods.

Supporting Documents May be Required

11 In certain cases, CED may contact you upon submission of your JNTDEC3 Permit to provide certain supporting documents, such as:

- End User Certificate (EUC)
- Export Licences from the supplying country
- Import Authorisation (IA) from the country of import
- Technical Specifications of the goods e.g. operating instructions, manuals, brochures, data sheets, etc.

Processing Time

12 Most applications will be processed immediately, and you should be able to receive the approval or rejection message almost instantaneously (within minutes). However, for permit applications that require closer assessment, the average processing time would be 3 working days.

13 To expedite the processing and to avoid last minute delays, we would advise you to submit the permit applications in advance to allow enough time for proper assessment.

Contact Us

14 For further clarifications on the permit and processing requirements for JNTDEC3, you may contact:

- Customs & Excise Department

Tel No: 6 355 2000
Fax : 6 250 9606

Email: ced_documentation@ced.gov.sg / ced_joint_ops@ced.gov.sg

- National Authority (Strategic Goods Control), IE Singapore

Tel No.: 6 337 5996
Fax : 6 337 6361

Email: stgc@iesingapore.gov.sg

Awareness Program

15 The National Authority (Strategic Goods Control), IE Singapore will be conducting a series of awareness programme on the Strategic Goods Control on 17, 18, and 20 Dec 02. Please **e-mail** to the National Authority (stgc@iesingapore.gov.sg) if you are interested in attending these sessions.

Jointly Issued by

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