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All Traders and Declaring Agents

FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHINA-SINGAPORE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

The pilot implementation of the China-Singapore Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between the General Administration of China Customs (GACC) and Singapore Customs (SC) involving Guangzhou Customs District has been successfully concluded. <u>With effect from 15 March 2013</u>, the China-Singapore MRA on Authorised Economic Operators (AEOs) will be <u>fully operational and expanded to cover all Customs Districts of China</u>.

Under the China-Singapore MRA, the GACC and SC will mutually recognise Singapore's Secure Trade Partnership Plus (STP-Plus) members and the AA enterprises under China's AEO programme - Measures on Classified Management of Enterprises Programme (MCME) respectively. Exports of these entities will be recognised to be low risk, secure and will be accorded facilitated clearance in China and Singapore.

Importing from China AA enterprise

3 Singapore importers will receive their business partner's (an AA enterprise) 10-alphanumeric Customs registration code 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)	CN
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	XXXXXXXXX

STP-Plus exporters exporting to China

4 To enjoy MRA benefits for exports to China, STP-Plus exporters should provide their STP code to their business partner(s) in China so that the STP code could be declared in the import declarations in China. Their business partner(s) in China need not be an AA enterprise.

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

To continue to enjoy a higher level of facilitated clearance in Singapore, STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters are reminded to declare their 12-alphanumeric AEO Number in their STP Code in the TradeNet® 4.1 import and export declarations as illustrated below.

The STP Code comes in the following format:

AEOSGXXXXXXXXXXXX

CPC Cty Code AEO Number

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

Clarifications

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

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