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

**ADVISORY ON IMPORT, EXPORT & TRANSHIPMENT OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES & EXPLOSIVES PRECURSORS**

Arms, explosives and explosives precursors (as defined in the attached **annex**) are items regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act, Chapter 13. Under the said Act, any import or export of any of these items will require a licence from the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department. For avoidance of any doubt, any transshipment (i.e. import of goods into Singapore on one conveyance and moved to another conveyance for the sole purpose of export to any place outside of Singapore) would require an import and export licence respectively.

2. To minimise any disruption to your business processes, we urge you to work closely with your business partners, e.g. traders, freight forwarders, cargo agents, carriers etc., to ensure that all import, export, or transshipment of any such item is duly licensed. You should put in place the necessary control measures in your business processes to ensure strict compliance with the regulatory regime.

3. In the event that any such item is found without a proper licence, Police will investigate and may seize the item. Please be reminded that under the said Act, any person who imports or exports any:

- i. arm or explosive without a licence shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years; and
- ii. explosive precursor without a licence shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both; and in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

4. For any enquiry, please contact us at Tel: 6835 0000 or email to [SPF\\_Licensing\\_Feedback@spf.gov.sg](mailto:SPF_Licensing_Feedback@spf.gov.sg).

5. Thank you.

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**Under the Arms & Explosives Act, Chapter 13**

<b>"Arms"</b> means	a.	firearms, air-guns, air-pistols, stun guns, electronic dart guns, automatic guns, automatic pistols, guns or any other kind of gun from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or noxious fumes or noxious substance can be emitted, and any component part of any such arms;
	b.	bayonets, swords, daggers, spears and spearheads; and
	c.	such weapon, accessory, or other article or thing, as the Minister may, by notification in the <i>Gazette</i> , specify to be arms for the purposes of this Act or any part thereof.
<b>"Explosive"</b> means	a.	gunpowder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those abovementioned or not, used or manufactured with a view to producing a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;
	b.	includes fog signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion-caps, detonators, cartridges and ammunition of all descriptions, and every adaptation or preparation of an explosive as above defined; and
	c.	includes sand crackers, and any substance declared to be deemed an explosive by notification under section 10(1)(a).
<b>"Explosive Precursor"</b> means	1.	Ammonium nitrate, or any mixture of components one of which is ammonium nitrate, but not including — (a) aqueous solutions containing less than 60%, weight in weight, of ammonium nitrate; or (b) any material in solid form comprising a mixture of components, one of which is ammonium nitrate, where the nitrogen content derived from ammonium nitrate is less than 28% by weight of the said mixture.
	2.	Ammonium perchlorate.
	3.	Barium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 10%, weight in weight, of barium nitrate.
	4.	Guanidine nitrate.
	5.	Hydrogen peroxide, not including preparations and solutions containing not more than 20%, weight in weight, of hydrogen peroxide.
	6.	Potassium chlorate.
	7.	Potassium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrate or a combination of both potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate.
	8.	Potassium nitrite, not including aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrite.
	9.	Potassium perchlorate.
	10.	Sodium chlorate.
	11.	Sodium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrate or a combination of both sodium nitrate and potassium nitrate.
	12.	Sodium nitrite, not including aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrite.
	13.	Sodium perchlorate.
	14.	Perchloric acid.
	15.	Tetranitromethane.