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**SBF WORKSHOP ON “ASEAN CUSTOMS TRANSIT SYSTEM -- TOWARDS FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS”**

Date: Wed, 8 July 2009 Time: 8.45 am – 1.00 pm

Venue: SBF Seminar Room 2 (21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Keppel Towers)

Fee per pax (incl. 7% GST): Free for SBF Members S\$53.50 (Non-Member)

The ASEAN countries are close to agreement on the implementation of an International Customs Transit System. The objective is to ease current procedures for moving goods to and from and through the border posts, ports and airports of the ASEAN countries.

Such a system will provide a simplified but controlled environment for the movement of goods from, e.g., Vietnam through Thailand and Malaysia to and from Singapore. It is a main pillar towards the ASEAN Economic Community, to be established by 2015, where goods must move freely if the single market and production base is to work.

The ASEAN countries are assisted in their efforts by the ASEAN-EU Programme for Regional Integration Support – Phase II (APRIS II). In collaboration with APRIS II, SBF is organising a workshop to brief companies involved in the movement of goods across the ASEAN region as these companies will need to have a clear understanding of what is planned in terms of operational customs practice.

Two experts from the ASEAN-EU team, **Mr Gordon Linington and Mr Des Grimble**, will brief the business community on the proposals and the position reached so far in the drive towards the free movement of goods within the ASEAN region. The experts will be available after the workshop to meet companies wishing to learn more of the precise details.

**PROGRAMME**

- 8.45am Registration
- 9.00am Welcome Remarks by Singapore Business Federation
- 9.05am Customs Transit in the Regional Integration Environment - by ASEAN-EU team for APRIS II  
  
*This session sets out the relevance of Customs Transit to the implementation of an integrated customs environment as the basis for the ASEAN Economic Community and Single Market and the basic principles of an international transit system*
- 10.15am Coffee break
- 10.45am Basic principles of the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)
  - The international guarantee
  - Risk management principles
  - The computerised system network
  - Simplified procedures for traders with good revenue records

- by ASEAN-EU team for APRIS II

*This session sets out how the main features of the ASEAN System will work.*

Q & A session
- 12.00nn Lunch
- 13.00pm End

*Programme is correct at time of print.*

**Administrative Details:**

**For SBF Members**

- Please fax registration form to register. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.
- Confirmation of registration will be emailed to the company. Admission shall be allowed only upon presentation of the confirmation email from SBF.

**For Non-Member**

- Please make cheque payable to “Singapore Business Federation” and mail together with the registration form to SBF. Please indicate the **Ref No.** and **company’s name** at the back of the cheque.
- No withdrawal upon registration, but a replacement is allowed. No refund will be made for cancellation or non-attendance. Full fees will be charged for cancellation and non-attendance.

**Note: As a precautionary measure, our advice is for members who are unwell not to attend the session.**

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**REGISTRATION FORM** - Attn: MR/ Celest or Su Ling (Closing date: 6 July 2009)  
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