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Trade **F**acilitation and **I**ntegrated **R**isk-based **S**ys **T**em

Aim

- > Facilitate Business Operations
- > A Holistic and Consistent Approach

Tool

- > A common set of assessment criteria and methodology

Key Thrusts

- 01 Holistic Assessment
- 02 Risk Management
- 03 Proactively meet the needs of the trading community



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With **TradeFIRST**,
trade will be

Easy

- Streamlined application process for all Customs facilitations and schemes
- Customised facilitations to meet unique business needs

Fair

- Common set of clear and transparent assessment criteria and guidelines
- Enjoy a suite of facilitations based on company's banding

Secure

- Improve company's key systems and processes
- Raise the compliance and supply chain security standards of companies



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What can I expect?

Undergo a holistic assessment

With **TradeFIRST**,

- You will no longer need to apply individually to different branches
- You will enjoy a streamlined application process, with a single renewal date for all schemes

Be rated into one of the five bands based on your assessment

- You will get the facilitations in the band that you are placed in as well as those in the lower bands
- The higher the band you are placed in, the more facilitations you can enjoy

Have a single contact point for all Customs matters

- You will be assigned a dedicated Account Manager (AM)
- With a sound understanding of your business model and operations, your AM will guide you through the assessment process and work with you to improve your systems and processes

Enjoy schemes that fit your business needs

- Your AM will proactively offer schemes and facilitations that are customised to your unique business needs



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How will I be assessed?

➔ **Company Profile**

Financial and general background of the company.

➔ **Inventory Management & Controls**

Records of inventory and transactions, the capability of the system to flag out discrepancies and whether there is proper data storage and back-up.

➔ **Compliance**

Company's compliance records.

➔ **Procedures & Processes**

Procedures and processes on the handling and storage of cargo, containers and conveyance, including procedures on handling cargo-related incidents.

➔ **Security**

Measures to secure premises and access control, measures to prevent tampering of goods, as well as policies relating to business partner screening, crisis management and business continuity planning.

What facilitations am I eligible for?

Bandings under TradeFIRST

Premium

All facilitations in **Basic + Standard + Intermediate + Enhanced +**

- Waiver of Security
- Reduced Container Sealing
- Waiver of Factory Inspection
- Waiver of Post-Importation Documentation Checks
- Secure Trade Partnership (STP) Plus
- Apex Licence
- Consolidated Declaration
- Bonded Truck Scheme (BTS)

Enhanced

All facilitations in **Basic + Standard + Intermediate +**

- Strategic Trade Scheme (STS) Tier 2
- Strategic Trade Scheme (STS) Tier 3
- Zero-GST Type III Warehouse
- Air Store Bond (ASB)
- Duty Free Shop (DFS)
- Container Freight Warehouse (CFW)
- Company Declaration Scheme (CDS)
- Industrial Exemption Factory (IEF)
- Excise Factory
- Petroleum Licences

Intermediate

All facilitations in **Basic + Standard +**

- Zero-GST Type II Warehouse
- Secure Trade Partnership (STP)

Standard

All facilitations in **Basic +**

- Licensed Warehouse (LW)
- Zero-GST Type I Warehouse

Basic

- Waiver of Security Amount of \$2000 and Below
- Free Trade Zone (FTZ)
- Temporary Import Scheme
- TradeNet Account
- Inter-Gateway Haulage (IGH) / Inter-Gateway Barge (IGB)
- Cargo Agents Import Authorisation (CAIA)
- Certificate of Origin (CO)

Waiver of Security Amount of \$2000 and below

Waiver of requirement to lodge a security with Singapore Customs, if the amount required is \$2000 and below.



For:

General traders and declaring agents.

Free Trade Zone (FTZ)

Facilitates entrepot trade by allowing duty and/or GST to be suspended for imported goods deposited in a FTZ. Duty and/or GST will only be payable upon removal of the goods from the FTZ into customs territory for local consumption. GST is also not payable on supply made in the FTZ if the goods supplied are meant for transshipment or re-export.

Minor operations such as breaking bulk, sorting, grading and re-packing can also be carried out in a FTZ. Any manufacturing in the FTZ would require approval from Singapore Customs.



For:

General traders and shipping lines.

Temporary Import Scheme

Allows goods (except liquor and tobacco products) to be temporarily imported for repairs, exhibitions or other approved purposes without payment of duty and/or GST, and to be re-exported within the allowable period. If the goods are not re-exported after the expiry of the given period, duty and/or GST will become payable.

An alternative to ATA Carnet (for temporary importation of goods and equipment) and Carnet de Passage (for motor vehicles).



For:

General traders who import goods into Singapore temporarily for repair, exhibitions or other approved purposes.

TradeNet Account

Single Electronic Window for permit declarations, amendments, cancellations and refunds.

Electronic GIRO payment of duty and/or GST and refunds.



For:

General traders and declaring agents.

Inter-Gateway Haulage (IGH) / Inter-Gateway Barge (IGB)

Facilitates the movement of containers from a container terminal to another.



For:

Port operators in Singapore.

Cargo Agents Import Authorisation (CAIA)

Allows air cargo agents to take delivery of their cargo from the ground handling agents for breaking bulk in their warehouse(s) located within the Changi Free Trade Zone prior to obtaining the necessary permits.



For:

Air cargo agents with warehouse(s) located within the Changi Free Trade Zone.

Certificate of Origin (CO)

A document required under Free Trade Agreements or Schemes of Preferences that is recognised by importing customs authority for granting of preferential tariff on eligible imports.



For:

Local exporters.

Licensed Warehouse (LW)

Allows duty and GST suspension on dutiable goods imported and stored in a designated warehouse area.



For:

Importers and service warehouse operators who (i) store imported dutiable goods for regional and local distribution and (ii) want to better manage their cash flow by paying duty and/or GST only on goods which are released for local consumption.

Zero-GST Type I Warehouse

Allows GST suspension on imported non-dutiable goods stored in a designated warehouse area, of which at least 80% of the goods must be exported.



For:

Importers and service warehouse operators who (i) store imported non-dutiable goods mainly for regional distribution and (ii) want to better manage their cash flow by paying GST only on goods which are released for local consumption.

Zero-GST Type II Warehouse

Offers greater facilitation compared to a Zero-GST Type I Warehouse but lesser facilitation compared to a Zero-GST Type III Warehouse.

Allows GST suspension on imported non-dutiable goods stored in a designated warehouse area with no minimal export requirement.



For:

Importers and service warehouse operators who (i) store imported non-dutiable goods for both regional and local distribution and (ii) want to better manage their cash flow by paying GST only on goods which are released for local consumption.

Secure Trade Partnership (STP)

A voluntary certification programme that encourages companies to adopt robust security measures in their trading operations. The STP programme provides companies with a framework to guide the development, implementation, monitoring and review of their supply chain security measures and practices and is consistent with the World Customs Organisation (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate global trade.



For:

All supply chain stakeholders (importers, exporters, warehouse operators, transporters, and terminal operators, etc.) who demonstrate their commitment to adopting and implementing appropriate security measures and a willingness to assume responsibility for keeping their supply chains secure.

Strategic Trade Scheme (STS) Tier 2*

An enhanced permit regime which aims to encourage companies to implement effective internal (export control) compliance programme. It provides legitimate traders with greater facilitation in declaration procedures involving transactions of strategic goods or strategic goods technology for non-WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) related end-use.

Under the Tier 2 permit, company can enjoy a one-time approval to: (i) export, re-export or tranship a specific product or transmit technology related to a specific product to multiple customers/end-users; or (ii) export, re-export or tranship multiple products or transmit technology related to multiple products to a single customer/end-user.



For:

Companies with reasonably sound internal export control compliance measures who wish to export, re-export, tranship or bring in transit controlled strategic goods and their related technology, or transmit technology related to pre-approved product(s) and customer(s) / end-user(s).

*Note: For companies not registered under STS Tier 2 or 3, the company is required to declare a strategic goods permit for every export, transshipment or bringing into transit of strategic goods (STS Tier 1).

Strategic Trade Scheme (STS) Tier 3*

Under the Tier 3 permit, companies can enjoy a one-time approval to export, re-export or tranship or transmit technology related to multiple product(s) to pre-approved destination(s).



For:

Companies with robust internal (export control) compliance programme and demonstrate good customer and product screening procedures and record keeping practices who wish to export, re-export, tranship or bring in transit controlled strategic goods and their related technology, or transmit strategic goods technology related to multiple product(s) to pre-approved destination(s).

*Note: For companies not registered under STS Tier 2 or 3, the company is required to declare a strategic goods permit for every export, transshipment or bringing into transit of strategic goods (STS Tier 1).

Zero-GST Type III Warehouse

Offers the greatest facilitation as compared to Zero-GST Type I and Type II Warehouses.

Allows GST suspension on imported non-dutiable goods stored in multiple designated warehouse locations under a single licence with no minimal export requirement.



For:

Importers and service warehouse operators who (i) store imported non-dutiable goods for regional and local distribution at multiple locations and (ii) want to better manage their cash flow by paying GST only on goods which are released for local consumption.

Air Store Bond (ASB)

Allows the storage of dutiable air-stores under duty and GST suspension, pending uplifting onto the aircraft.



For:

Service operators who uplift dutiable air-stores to various airlines.

Duty Free Shop (DFS)

Allows sales of duty-free liquors to arriving travellers, and liquor and tobacco products to departing travellers.



For:

Service operators who wish to operate duty-free retail shops.

Container Freight Warehouse (CFW)

Allows approved operators to break bulk and consolidate LCL (Less than Container Load) containers in their own premises outside the FTZ with GST suspended.



For:

Third Party Logistics Consolidators.

Company Declaration Scheme (CDS)

Allows previously GST-paid or GST accounted goods, including locally sourced goods (excluding controlled and dutiable goods) to move from Airport Logistics Park of Singapore (ALPS) back into customs territory without being subjected to GST again.



For:

Logistics providers located in ALPS.

Industrial Exemption Factory (IEF)

Allows duty exemption on dutiable raw materials for manufacturing of non-dutiable products.



For:

Manufacturers using dutiable raw materials to manufacture non-dutiable products.

Excise Factory

Allows manufacturing of dutiable goods with the duty and GST payable suspended until these goods are released for local consumption.



For:

Manufacturers of dutiable goods namely liquor, tobacco, petroleum products and motor vehicles.

Petroleum Licences

There are 3 categories of Petroleum Licences - (i) Petroleum Refinery licence for refining crude oil into various grades of petroleum products; (ii) Licensed Warehouse (Petroleum) for storage of refined or imported dutiable petroleum products under duty and GST suspension (iii) Bonded Warehouse (Petroleum) for storage of refined or imported non-dutiable petroleum products or petrochemicals under GST suspension.



For:

Petroleum companies.

Waiver of Security

Waiver of requirement to lodge any security with Singapore Customs. For companies in the Standard to Enhanced band, the security required will be reduced progressively.



For:

General traders and declaring agents.

Reduced Container Sealing

Containers are less likely to be sealed for inspection by Singapore Customs.



For:

General traders.

Waiver of Factory Inspection

Waiver of factory inspection for companies applying for registration as a manufacturer with Singapore Customs.



For:

Manufacturers who apply for preferential Certificates of Origin on their exports.

Waiver of Post-Importation Documentation Checks

Waiver of post-importation documentation checks on permits declared by companies.



For:

General traders.

Secure Trade Partnership (STP) Plus

A higher tier for companies who wish to obtain a higher level of certification under the STP programme. This higher tier will be used for mutual recognition discussions with other customs administrations. Under a mutual recognition arrangement, exports by STP Plus companies will enjoy a higher level of facilitation at clearance in these countries.



For:

All supply chain stakeholders (importers, exporters, warehouse operators, transporters, and terminal operators, etc.) who demonstrate their commitment to adopting and implementing robust security measures and best practices to keep their supply chains secure.

Apex Licence

A single premium licence for qualified companies who operate different types of activities and at different locations. For example, an Apex Licence could cover both the storage of non-dutiable goods in a Zero-GST Warehouse as well as dutiable goods in a Licensed Warehouse.



For:

Companies with diverse business operations and are able to track, trace and account for inventories across different locations through the deployment of a single computerised inventory system.

Consolidated Declaration

Allows approved companies to declare multiple consignments in a single permit.



For:

Companies dealing with time-sensitive shipments or companies whose products and business model require consolidated declarations.

PREMIUM

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Bonded Truck Scheme (BTS)

Allows companies to consolidate courier parcels under a simplified transshipment permit.



For:

Companies that handle transshipment of time-sensitive courier parcels from land checkpoints to Changi FTZ and vice versa.

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