

Customs (Container) Regulations

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CUSTOMS (CONTAINER) REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Customs (Container) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
“container” means a box, tank or container of standard dimensions which —
(a) is specially constructed for the safe carriage of goods;

- (b) is of permanent character and can be used more than once;
- (c) is specially designed to facilitate carriage of goods by one or more modes of transport;
- (d) is fitted with devices which enable it to be locked and sealed;
- (e) has an internal volume of at least one cubic metre; and
- (f) has conspicuous and permanent identification marks;

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“container terminal” means a berth or wharf designated by the Director-General as a place from which containers are loaded on or unloaded from vessels, as the case may be;

“full container load”, in relation to a container, means a container with goods for one consignee only or a container with goods from one consignor only, as the case may be;

“less than full container load”, in relation to a container, means a container with goods for more than one consignee or a container with goods from more than one consignor, as the case may be.

Permit required for containers for transhipment

3.—(1) No container which has any goods therein and is imported or intended for transhipment shall be removed from the ship wherein they arrived or from the Woodlands Train Checkpoint if imported by train, or beyond the customs station at Woodlands or Tuas if imported by road, except under a permit issued by the proper officer of customs and in accordance with all the conditions specified in the permit.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), no permit shall be required for the removal by an authority administering a free trade zone of any container from a vessel direct into such free trade zone, if a full and correct inward manifest required under section 39 of the Act has been furnished to the proper officer of customs.

Permit required for movement of loaded containers

4. No container which has any goods therein may be moved from a container terminal to a consignee’s premises except under a permit issued by the proper officer of customs and in accordance with all the conditions specified in the permit.

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Damaged containers

6. Any container damaged on import shall be brought to the attention of the proper officer of customs and may not be removed from the customs station at Woodlands or Tuas or from the Woodlands Train Checkpoint or from a container terminal, as the case may be, without the prior permission of a senior officer of customs.

Tampered seals to be notified to customs officer

7.—(1) The owner of a container or the agent appointed by him to take charge of or to manage the container shall forthwith notify the proper officer of customs if any seal placed on the container is found by the owner or agent to be tampered with, opened, broken, altered or removed on import.

(2) Such container shall not be removed from the customs station at Woodlands or Tuas or from the Woodlands Train Checkpoint or from a container terminal, as the case may be, without the prior permission of a senior officer of customs.

Permit to contain full description of contents of container

8.—(1) Where a permit to move a container from a container terminal to the consignee's premises is issued under regulation 4, that permit shall contain a full description of the contents of the container.

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Permit required for removal of container

9. No container which has any goods therein may be removed from a consignor's premises to a container terminal except in accordance with a permit, issued by the proper officer of customs, authorising the removal.

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Supervision for stuffing and unstuffing

10. The stuffing and unstuffing of every container shall be carried out under the supervision of the proper officer of customs unless a senior officer of customs otherwise requires.

Permission for use of terminal in customs territory

11.—(1) No person shall, inside customs territory, make use of or operate a container terminal to store, import or export any containerised goods without the written permission of the Director-General and except in accordance with such conditions as the Director-General may impose.

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