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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 22nd November 2011 and assented to by the President on 8th December 2011:—

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**No. 25 of 2011.**

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,  
*President.*  
*8th December 2011.*

(LS)

An Act to amend the Customs Act (Chapter 70 of the 2004 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs (Amendment) Act 2011 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Amendment of section 3**

2. Section 3(1) of the Customs Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “complete month”, the following definition:

“ “compressed natural gas” or “CNG” means natural gas that has been compressed for use in motor vehicles;”;

(b) by deleting the words “licensed for the warehousing of dutiable goods under section 51(1) or 83(4)” in the definition of “licensed warehouse” and substituting the words “licensed or deemed to be licensed under section 51(1), 63(1), or 83(4) (if the licence granted under section 83(4) covers an activity for which a licence under section 51(1), 63(1) or 66(1) is required)”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “master”, the following definition:

“ “motor fuel” means motor spirit or CNG;” and

(d) by deleting the words “, motor fuel” in the definition of “motor spirit”.

**Amendment of section 31**

3. Section 31 of the Customs Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) by sea —

(i) at such authorised piers and places in Singapore as may be prescribed generally

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for all goods or in relation to such goods as may be specified; or

- (ii) at such piers and places in Singapore that the Director-General, under prescribed circumstances, determines to be authorised piers and places in relation to such goods as the Director-General may determine;”;  
and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) In prescribing an authorised pier or place in Singapore or the circumstances in which the Director-General may determine an authorised pier or place for the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the Minister may prescribe that the operator of the authorised pier or place comply with such requirements and restrictions as the Director-General may impose in connection with any operations carried out at the authorised pier or place.”.

#### **Amendment of section 34**

- 4.** Section 34(2) of the Customs Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the word “petroleum” in paragraph (d), the words “motor fuel or”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “the fuel supply tank” in paragraph (d)(i)(A) and substituting the words “a fuel supply tank”.

#### **Amendment of section 51**

- 5.** Section 51 of the Customs Act is amended by deleting subsections (6) and (7).

#### **Amendment of section 63**

- 6.** Section 63 of the Customs Act is amended by deleting subsection (6).

**Amendment of section 66**

7. Section 66 of the Customs Act is amended by deleting subsection (3).

**Amendment of section 82**

8. Section 82 of the Customs Act is amended by deleting subsection (7).

**Amendment of section 83**

9. Section 83(9) of the Customs Act is amended by deleting the words “section 37(3)(c)” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “specified activity” and substituting the words “section 37(5)(b)”.

**Amendment of section 87**

10. Section 87(1) of the Customs Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “or other records may”, the words “, after the goods to which such records relate have been removed from customs control,”.

**Amendment of section 89**

11. Section 89 of the Customs Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of subsection (1)(iv);
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (v) of subsection (1) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:
  - “(vi) a prosecution of such offence under such written law (other than this Act and the Goods and Services Tax Act) as may be prescribed;
  - (vii) enabling a public agency to enforce such provision of such written law (other than this Act and the Goods and Services Tax Act) as may be prescribed;
  - (viii) enabling a public agency to investigate such suspected offence under such written

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law (other than this Act and the Goods and Services Tax Act) as may be prescribed; or

- (ix) enabling a public agency to take steps to ensure public health or safety, or the security of Singapore, provided the approval of the Minister has been given for the publication, communication or disclosure for such purpose.”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) The approval of the Minister referred to in subsection (1)(ix) may be given in respect of —

- (a) a specific public agency or a class of public agencies; and
- (b) a specific request for particulars, information or documents, or requests for particulars, information or documents falling within such class as the Minister may in his approval specify.

(1B) Nothing in subsection (1) shall prevent the Minister, and any public officer assisting the Minister and duly authorised by the Minister for the purposes of this subsection, from having access to such particulars, information or document referred to in subsection (1) as may be necessary for the performance of his official duties in connection with this Act or the Goods and Services Tax Act.”; and

- (d) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) In this section —

“Comptroller”, in relation to goods and services tax, has the same meaning as in the Goods and Services Tax Act;

“public agency” means a public officer, an organ of state or a ministry or department of the