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Explanatory Statement

Expenditure of Public Money

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Read the first time on 28th August 1974.

An Act to amend the Customs Act (Chapter 133 of the 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, 1974 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 3

2. Subsection (1) of section 3 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “porter” appearing in the first line of the definition of “beer” therein the expression “, shandy”;
- (b) by deleting the semi-colon appearing at the end of the definition of “uncustomed goods” therein and substituting therefor a full-stop; and
- (c) by deleting the definition of “value” appearing therein.

Amendment of section 18

3. Section 18 of the Customs Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “charges” appearing in the fourth line thereof the expression “, or that any money was erroneously collected for the composition of offences,”.

Amendment of section 20

4. Section 20 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “on the day on which” wherever they appear in

- paragraph (a) thereof and substituting therefor in each case the words “at the time when”;
- (b) by deleting the words “on the day on which” appearing in the second line of paragraph (b) thereof and substituting therefor the words “at the time when”; and
 - (c) by deleting the words “on the day” appearing in the fourth line of paragraph (b) thereof and substituting therefor the words “at the time”.

Amendment of section 21

5. Subsection (8) of section 21 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the expression “and also to take account of the definition of “value” in subsection (1) of section 3 of this Act” appearing in the sixth, seventh and eighth lines of paragraph (b) thereof; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (c) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(c) the rate of exchange to be used for determining the equivalent in Singapore currency of any foreign currency shall be the current selling rate in Singapore at the time when customs duty is paid.”.

Amendment of section 29

6. Section 29 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “transshipment” appearing in the second line thereof the words “or in transit”; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after the word “post” appearing at the end thereof the words “unless so required by the proper officer of customs”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 34

7. Section 34 of the Customs Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Particulars of goods inward to be furnished

34. The master, owner or agent of every vessel and the pilot, owner or agent of every aircraft arriving in Singapore, and the station-master at the railway station on the arrival of every train, shall, within twenty-four hours after arrival of the vessel, aircraft or train, or within such further period as the Comptroller may in his

discretion allow, furnish to the proper officer of customs at the customs office designated by the Comptroller a full and correct inward manifest, certified by such master, pilot, owner, agent or station-master, containing full particulars as to the quantities, marks and description of goods destined for Singapore and shall in the case of every vessel, aircraft or train, in like manner, furnish a full and correct manifest of goods in transit and a correct list of sea, air or railway stores on board the vessel, aircraft or train.”.

Amendment of section 35

8. Section 35 of the Customs Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “master” appearing in the second line of subsection (1) thereof the expression “, owner”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after the word “pilot” appearing in the third line of subsection (1) thereof the expression “, owner”;
- (c) by inserting immediately after the word “master” appearing in the tenth line of subsection (2) thereof the expression “, owner”; and
- (d) by inserting immediately after the word “pilot” appearing in the tenth line of subsection (2) thereof the expression “, owner”.

Amendment of section 37

9. Section 37 of the Customs Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “master” appearing in the sixth and in the seventh lines thereof in each case the expression “, owner”.

Repeal and re-enactment of sections 39 and 40

10. Sections 39 and 40 of the Customs Act are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Goods not specified in the manifest to be deemed uncustomed

39. If dutiable goods, or goods in transit of a class dutiable on import, other than bona fide sea, air or railway stores, are found by a proper officer of customs in any vessel, aircraft or train in Singapore and such goods are not specified in the manifest of such vessel, aircraft or train, then such goods shall be deemed to be uncustomed goods and shall be liable to seizure and the vessel, aircraft or train may be detained by the proper officer of customs.

Missing goods deemed to have been illegally landed