

**Regulation of Imports and Exports Act
(CHAPTER 272A)**

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REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ACT

(CHAPTER 272A)

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An Act to provide for the regulation, registration and control of imports and exports and to make provisions for matters connected therewith.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“aircraft” means aircraft of any description which may be used for the conveyance of persons or goods by air;

“authentication code” means any identification or identifying code, password or any other authentication method or procedure which has been assigned to a registered user of the computer service referred to in section 8 for the purpose of identifying and authenticating the access to and use of the computer service by the registered user;

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) any senior authorised officer;
- (b) any officer of the Board appointed in writing by the chief executive officer of the Board;
- (c) any officer of customs;
- (d) any officer or class or description of officers appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* to exercise the powers and

perform the duties conferred and imposed on an authorised officer by this Act;

“Board” means the Trade Development Board established under section 3 of the Trade Development Board Act [Cap. 330];

“conveyance” includes any vessel, train, vehicle or aircraft in which persons or goods can be carried;

“database report” means any automatic log, journal or other report which is automatically generated by the computer service referred to in section 8 for the purposes of recording the details of a transaction relating to an electronic notice including the authentication code, date and time of receipt, storage location and any alteration or deletion relating to the notice;

“electronic notice” has the meaning assigned to it in section 8(1);

“examination station” means any place which has been prescribed under section 143(1)(d) of the Customs Act [Cap. 70] as a customs office or customs station for the examination of goods or any place or premises as may be determined by a senior authorised officer for the examination of goods;

“export”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to take or cause to be taken out of Singapore by land, water or air and includes the placing of any goods in a conveyance for the purpose of the goods being taken out of Singapore but does not include the taking out from Singapore of any goods on the same conveyance on which they were brought into Singapore unless such goods after being brought into Singapore have been landed or transhipped within Singapore;

“goods” means any movable or personal property whatsoever but does not include choses in action and money (except for a collector’s piece, an investment article or item of numismatic interest and currency notes imported or exported in substantial quantities);

“goods in transit” includes goods imported from a place outside Singapore for the sole purpose of conveyance through Singapore to any place outside Singapore;

“import”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, means to bring or cause to be brought into Singapore by land, water or air from any place which is outside Singapore but does not include the bringing into Singapore of goods which are to be taken out of Singapore on the same conveyance on which they were brought into Singapore without any landing or transhipment within Singapore;