

**Control of Imports and Exports Act
(CHAPTER 56)**

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CONTROL OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ACT

(CHAPTER 56)

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An Act to provide for the control of imports and exports and for matters incidental thereto.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

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

Interpretation

2. In this Act and in any orders made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires —

“aircraft” includes aircraft of any description, not having the status of a war

aircraft;

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) any senior authorised officer;
- (b) any officer of customs within the meaning of the Customs Act [Cap. 70];
- (c) any police officer;
- (d) any officer or class or description of officer 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]*;

* References formerly in this Act to the Controller of Imports and Exports are, in this Edition, replaced by references to the Board, in accordance with section 18 (2) of the Trade Development Board Act (Cap. 330).

“contravention” includes, in relation to any provision, a failure to comply with that provision;

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

“examination station” means any place or premises appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* to be an examination station for the purposes of this Act;

“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 vessel, conveyance or aircraft for the purpose of the goods being taken out of Singapore by water or air but does not include the taking out of Singapore by water or air of any goods on the same vessel or aircraft on which they were brought into Singapore unless after being brought into Singapore the goods have been landed or transhipped within Singapore;

“goods” means any movable or personal property whatsoever;

“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 by water or air of any goods which it is proved to be intended to be taken out of

Singapore on the same vessel or aircraft on which they were brought into Singapore without any landing or transhipment within Singapore;

“master” includes every person, having or taking command or charge of a vessel, except a pilot of a vessel holding a licence under the Port of Singapore Authority Act [Cap. 236] when acting in the course of his duties;

“offence” means an offence under this Act and includes any contravention of any order declared to be an offence by any such order;

“order” means an order made under section 3;

“pilot of an aircraft” means every person having or taking command or charge of an aircraft;

“police officer” means any member of the Singapore Police Force;

“senior authorised officer” means —

- (a) any senior officer of customs within the meaning of the Customs Act [Cap. 70];
- (b) any police officer;
- (c) any officer or class or description of officer appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed on a senior authorised officer by this Act;

“shipped as ships’ stores”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes loaded as the stores of an aircraft;

“tranship” means to remove goods from one vessel or aircraft to another vessel or aircraft for the purpose of export;

“vehicle” includes any conveyance in which persons or goods can be carried by land however drawn or propelled or set or kept in motion;

“vessel” includes any ship or boat or other description of vessel used in navigation, not having the status of a ship of war.

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PART II

CONTROL OF IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, ETC., BY ORDER OF THE MINISTER