

Date: 25 April 2022

To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders, Cargo Agents and Carriers

**POLICE ADVISORY: APPLY FOR LICENCE BEFORE IMPORTING, EXPORTING OR TRANSHIPPING EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS**

1. There have been cases where Explosive Precursors (EPs) were imported, exported, or trans-shipped without licences, which is an offence under Singapore laws. We wish to remind you to obtain approval for the necessary permit and licences before importing, exporting or trans-shipping any EPs.
2. Please take note of the following:
  - a. EPs are regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act 1913 (AEA). Before you import, export, or trans-ship any EPs, **go to [www.tradenet.gov.sg](http://www.tradenet.gov.sg) to apply for a permit from Customs and licence from Police.** You will need to login using SingPass. If you are a new trader, go to [www.tradenet.gov.sg](http://www.tradenet.gov.sg), and click on "Quick guide for new traders and registration services" (under Useful Information section) to find out more about the application process.
  - b. For trans-shipment (i.e. import of goods into Singapore on one conveyance and moved to another conveyance for the sole purpose of export to any place outside of Singapore), you need to obtain both import and export licences.
  - c. **The average processing time for application is 5 working days.** Actual processing times may vary if the applications or the circumstances surrounding them are complex, which will require more time for assessment. Applicants are advised to plan ahead and submit their applications early.
  - d. **Do not import, export or tranship any EPs until your application has been approved.** Under the AEA, any person who imports, exports or trans-ships any EP without a licence shall be liable on conviction to a fine up to \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term up to 2 years, or to both. In the case of a body corporate, you are liable to a fine up to \$100,000.
  - e. To check if your goods contain any EPs, please refer to the **Annex** in page 2 for a list of EPs regulated under the AEA.
3. If any EP is found without a proper licence, Police will investigate and retain your shipment for investigation. To minimise disruption to your business processes, we urge you to work closely with your business partners, e.g. traders, freight forwarders, cargo agents, carriers etc. to ensure that all import, export or trans-shipment of any EP is licensed. You should put in place the necessary control measures in your business processes (e.g. train your staff, provide SOPs to guide them, ensure supervisory checks, conduct audits on your items, etc.) to ensure you comply with the regulatory regime.





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4. For any enquiry, please contact us at Tel: 6835 0000 or email to [SPF\\_Licensing\\_Feedback@spf.gov.sg](mailto:SPF_Licensing_Feedback@spf.gov.sg).
5. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

**SOH AH KIAT  
ASSISTANT LICENSING OFFICER  
ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES DIVISION  
POLICE LICENSING & REGULATORY DEPARTMENT**





## Annex

### **Arms & Explosives Act 1913**

<b>“Explosive Precursor”</b> is defined as	1.	Ammonium nitrate, or any mixture of components one of which is ammonium nitrate, but not including — (a) aqueous solutions containing less than 60%, weight in weight, of ammonium nitrate; or (b) any material in solid form comprising a mixture of components, one of which is ammonium nitrate, where the nitrogen content derived from ammonium nitrate is less than 28% by weight of the said mixture.
	2.	Ammonium perchlorate.
	3.	Barium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 10%, weight in weight, of barium nitrate.
	4.	Guanidine nitrate.
	5.	Hydrogen peroxide, not including preparations and solutions containing not more than 20%, weight in weight, of hydrogen peroxide.
	6.	Potassium chlorate.
	7.	Potassium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrate or a combination of both potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate.
	8.	Potassium nitrite, not including aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of potassium nitrite.
	9.	Potassium perchlorate.
	10.	Sodium chlorate.
	11.	Sodium nitrate, not including preparations and solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrate or a combination of both sodium nitrate and potassium nitrate.
	12.	Sodium nitrite, not including aqueous solutions containing less than 5%, weight in weight, of sodium nitrite.
	13.	Sodium perchlorate.
	14.	Perchloric acid.
	15.	Tetranitromethane.