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

Dear Sir / Mdm

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF E-WASTES AND USED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Due to the growing global awareness on the e-waste problem, many countries have tightened controls on the transboundary movements of e-waste to prevent the indiscriminate influx of hazardous e-waste from developed to developing countries.

2 The Pollution Control Department of the National Environment Agency (NEA) has also implemented a set of requirements (See **Annex I**) to ensure only legitimate movements of e-waste and used electronic equipment. For hazardous e-waste, in addition to the requirements set out in Annex I, importers and exporters are also required to meet the requirements stipulated under the Basel Convention and the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act. You may wish to refer to NEA website at <http://app.nea.gov.sg/cms/htdocs/article.asp?pid=1545> for more information on Basel Convention and the Act. Please note that approval to import hazardous e-waste shall only be granted on a case-by-case basis.

3 A set of new product codes for e-waste and used electronic equipment are also provided at our website, <http://app.nea.gov.sg/cms/htdocs/article.asp?pid=1545>, for all inward and outward declarations of e-waste and used electronic equipment via the Singapore Customs' TradeXchange. These new product codes will be available for use from **30 March 2008**. The use of the new product codes for the import and export of e-waste and used electronic equipment is mandatory. Import or export of e-waste and used electronic equipment not meeting the requirements stipulated in Annex I will be rejected when you submit your declaration through TradeNet. You may also want to note that mis-declaration or false declaration via the TradeNet system is an offence under the relevant rules and regulations and may be liable for prosecution.

4 Please note that import of used telecommunication equipment is also subject to approval by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA). Importers are required to obtain a relevant Telecommunication Dealer's Licence from IDA for sale, offer for sale or rental of repaired / refurbished telecommunication equipment in local market or for re-export purposes. Importers / users shall ensure that used telecommunication equipment imported for direct reuse by individual / company complied with the relevant IDA technical specifications before use. Please also note that the operation of radio-communication equipment in Singapore is subject to licensing, except for equipment which is exempted. You may wish to refer to IDA website at www.ida.gov.sg > Licensing > Requirements on Import of Telecommunication Equipment for more details.

5 To simplify the approval process for import of used telecommunication equipment for recycling, direct reuse, repair and/or refurbishment, arrangement has been made between IDA and NEA so that if the import declaration is approved by NEA, it will be also deemed as

approved by IDA subject to compliance with the relevant conditions for the import. Please note and ensure compliance with the approval conditions stated in each TradeNet. For import of new telecommunication equipment / products, the declaration and approval procedures remain the same, i.e. traders are required to declare the permit using the appropriate AHTN/IDA's Product Code and route it to IDA for approval.

6 We would like to remind all traders, importers, exporters, freight forwarders, cargo agents and carriers to exercise due care not to import and/or export hazardous e-waste controlled under the Basel Convention unless you have obtained the relevant Basel permits issued by our Department. Similarly, you are also not to import and/or export all e-waste and used electronic equipment that do not meet our requirements stipulated under Annex I.

7 Please contact NEA officers at Tel: 67319377, 67319335 or 67319919 and IDA officers at Tel: 62111948 or 62111912 if you need any further clarification.

Yours faithfully

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AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Import into Singapore

Used Electrical and
Electronic
Equipment (used
EEE)

For Re-use

For Repair and
Refurbishment

For Recycling
and Recovery

- Surveyor report indicating that all equipment are in good working condition prior to shipment
- Importer shall prove that equipment purchased are for re-use purpose (i.e ready market for the equipment)

- Importer has contractual agreement with EEE manufacturers to repair and refurbish their equipment
- Importer shall have repair facility
- Importer shall prove that equipment repaired and refurbished have an outlet (ie ready market for the equipment)

- Approval from exporting country's competent authority allowing the export
- Surveyor report prior to shipment to verify the goods declared for import
- Importer shall have recycling facility

Export from Singapore

Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment

For Re-use

- Surveyor report indicating that all equipment, prior to shipment, are in good working condition and met the importing requirements of the receiving country
- Exporter shall ensure that equipment sold are meant for re-use (i.e ready market for the equipment)

For Repair and Refurbishment

- Exporter owns the used electrical and electronic equipment
- Exporter has contractual agreement with overseas repair and refurbishment facility to repair and refurbish their equipment (the overseas repair and refurbishment facility shall be an approved facility in the importing country)

For Recycling and Recovery

- Approval from importing country's competent authority allowing the import
- Importer shall have recycling facility
- Exporter shall apply for Basel Export Permit should the e-waste fall under category of hazardous waste