

Circular on Shipper's Instructions:

Proposal on Best Practice Regarding the Declaration of Goods under the Strategic Trade Act 2010

The Strategic Trade Act 2010 (STA 2010) has been implemented effective 1 April 2011. In this regard, all activities of exports, transshipment and bring in transit of strategic or unlisted items; and restricted activities are to be conducted in compliance to the Act.

2. For the purpose of facilitating exports, transit and transshipment, and taking into consideration the concerns raised by the shippers and freight forwarders on the responsibilities imposed and severe penalties under the STA 2010, the Strategic Trade Controller is proposing declaration of strategic products through the Shipper's Instruction as best practice to be adopted by the industry as attached.

3. Upon consultation with the freight forwarding and shipping industries; as well as representatives from the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) and Business Chambers, the Strategic Trade Controller is of the view that such a clear guideline needs to be put in place. The proposed Shippers' Instructions has taken into account the responsibilities of any persons who intends to export, transship and bring in transit strategic items to declare whether or not their products do not require permit under the STA 2010.

4. In this regard, we seek your support and co-operation for the adoption of the proposed Shipper's Instructions for immediate implementation to ensure your interest is safeguarded with regard to the STA 2010. Please find the attached proposed Shipper's Instructions for your consideration.

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