

**DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
BETWEEN
THE IMMIGRATION & CHECKPOINTS AUTHORITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING
COOPERATION TO PREVENT
THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NUCLEAR AND OTHER
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL**

The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of the Republic of Singapore and the Department of Energy (DOE) of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Participants";

Recognizing the high volume of trade between the Port of Singapore and seaports in the United States of America, and the Republic of Singapore's role as a transport hub for cargo originating in many countries;

Being convinced of a need to detect, deter, and where necessary, to interdict illicit trafficking in nuclear and other radioactive material, including terrorist attempts to disrupt global trade through or from ports in the Republic of Singapore or to attempt to make use of commercial shipping to further terrorist schemes;

Recognizing that it is essential that their co-operation be structured so that it does not adversely impact Singapore port operations, terminal efficiency and traffic flow;

Noting the U.S. Container Security Initiative, which is designed to safeguard maritime trade by enhancing cooperation at seaports worldwide to identify and examine high-risk containers bound for the United States and ensure their in-transit integrity; and

Noting further the Declaration of Principles Governing the Posting of U.S. Customs Officers at the Port of Singapore between the Customs and Excise Department of Singapore and the Customs Service of the United States of America signed on 20 September 2002,

Have reached the following understanding:

I. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. The DOE, through its National Nuclear Security Administration, may provide to ICA technical assistance, at no cost, in the form of equipment and materials, training and services,

and system development and integration, for ICA's and PSA Corporation Ltd's use in a joint project between the Participants. The joint project is to monitor containers at the Pasir Panjang Terminal facility in the Port of Singapore, for the purpose of detecting and interdicting illicit trafficking in special nuclear material and other radioactive material. As used herein, "special nuclear material" means plutonium, and uranium enriched to 20 percent or more in the isotope U-235; and "other radioactive material" includes, but is not limited to, radioactive sources suitable for use in radiological dispersal devices.

2. DOE's technical assistance may include:
 - a. delivery and installation of equipment and devices adapted as appropriate for customs control conditions (including testing, setup, and demonstration of the equipment and devices) for a joint pilot project, on an interim basis, at the Pasir Panjang Terminal facility in the Port of Singapore;
 - b. delivery of spare parts kits, test equipment and other maintenance equipment to maintain equipment and devices;
 - c. training of ICA personnel and other appropriate personnel in detection of special nuclear material and other radioactive material, and in the proper use and maintenance of equipment provided by DOE;
 - d. removal of the DOE-supplied equipment at the conclusion of the Participants' pilot project, upon ICA's request, and disposition of the said equipment as DOE so determines;
 - e. facilitation of the provision of expert technical assistance, through the Government of the Republic of Singapore's communication with United States Embassy or other appropriate channels in the Republic of Singapore to handle and dispose of special nuclear material seized by ICA as a result of use of the DOE assistance provided under this Declaration of Principles (Declaration); and
 - f. additional areas of cooperation of mutual interest to and mutually determined by the Participants.
3. Upon reasonable request by DOE, representatives of the DOE may make technical evaluations of the equipment supplied under this Declaration.
4. The Participants may conduct technical workshops, consultations, site surveys, technical evaluations and acceptance testing of materials and installed equipment. Joint working groups of technical experts may be formed to exchange technical information and to make proposals on technical and training matters to ensure the effective implementation of this Declaration.

5. The ICA should endeavor to ensure that equipment and materials provided under this Declaration are afforded priority processing to allow prompt engineering approvals, and equipment and materials deliveries to their ultimate destination in the Republic of Singapore.

II. PROVISION OF INFORMATION

ICA is to furnish the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the United States of America, through its representatives present in Singapore, with data on the detections or seizures made of special nuclear material and of other radioactive material, resulting from the use of the equipment and materials supplied under this Declaration. The data is to be presented in a format and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Participants.

III. TREATMENT OF INFORMATION AND NON-TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT

1. Information obtained by either Participant's Government as a result of the technical assessment and implementation of cooperation under this Declaration is not to be disclosed to a third government or other third party without the prior consent of the other Participant. Transfer of information by either Participant's Government, as required under international agreements to which such Government is a party, is not regarded as such disclosure to third governments or other third parties. The fact of any such transfer of information to a third government or other third party is to be promptly notified to the other Participant in writing.
2. Each Participant should notify the other Participant in writing, as soon as practicable, of disclosure in a judicial proceeding within the jurisdiction of its respective Government of information obtained by either Participant's Government as a result of the technical assessment and implementation of cooperation under this Declaration.
3. Unless the written consent of the DOE has first been obtained, the ICA is not to transfer possession of any equipment provided by the DOE pursuant to this Declaration, other than to ministries, bureaus, agencies, departments or other entities within the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

IV. TAX AND CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF EQUIPMENT

The Participants understand that the DOE is not to pay any taxes, duties or other charges on equipment, materials, training or services provided by the DOE under this Declaration.

V. GENERAL PROVISION

The Declaration represents a political commitment by both sides and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. All activities of each Participant and its implementing agents under this Declaration are to be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of that Participant's Government and applicable international agreements to which that Participant's Government is party.

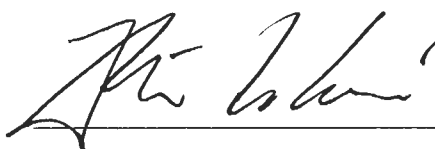
VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

Implementation of this Declaration is to begin upon signature by both Participants. This Declaration may be modified by the Participants' mutual consent in writing. Any such modification is to take effect upon signature by the Participants. If either Participant wishes to end its cooperation under the Declaration, it should endeavor to provide at least 90 days' advance written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Singapore, in duplicate, on this 10th day of March 2005.



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