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**REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 272A)**

**REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act, the Minister for Trade and Industry hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 2nd April 2013.

**Amendment of regulation 4**

2. Regulation 4(1) of the Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) by the importer, exporter, shipping agent, air cargo agent, freight forwarder or common carrier, as the case may be, or the declarant as referred to in Part IVA; and”.

**New Part IVA**

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 35, the following Part:

**“PART IVA**

**REGISTRATION OF PERSONS**

**Definitions of this Part**

**35A.** In this Part —

“declarant” means an individual who is authorised by a declaring agent to do any act or thing for the purposes

of the Act or any regulations made thereunder on behalf of the declaring agent (including where the declaring entity is concurrently registered as that declaring agent);

“declaring agent” means an entity making (through a declarant) an application under the Act or any regulations made thereunder to the Director-General for a permit, certificate or any other document or form of approval on behalf of a declaring entity (including where the declaring entity is concurrently registered as that declaring agent);

“declaring entity” means any importer, exporter, shipping agent, air cargo agent, freight forwarder, common carrier or other person who desires to obtain a permit, certificate or any other document or form of approval for any purposes of the Act or any regulations made thereunder, the application for which involves a declaration being made;

“key personnel” means an individual whose particulars are registered with —

- (a) the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority for the purposes of a registration of a business entity; or
- (b) the relevant Issuance Agency of the Unique Entity Number for the purposes of an application for a unique entity number;

“registrant” means any person referred to in regulation 35B.

### **Registration**

**35B.**—(1) The Director-General may register as a registrant under this Part —

- (a) any person who is a declaring entity, declaring agent or declarant;
- (b) any person who is an importer, exporter, shipping agent, air cargo agent, freight forwarder or common carrier who is not a declaring entity and whom the Director-General deems necessary or expedient to be registered; and

(c) any person who is required to be registered under these Regulations.

(2) Unless the Director-General allows in any particular case, no declaration may be made by a declarant for any purpose of the Act or any regulations made thereunder unless the declaring entity, and the declaring agent and the declarant, are registered by the Director-General under this Part prior to the making of the declaration.

(3) For the purposes of this Part —

- (a) a declaring entity who makes a declaration through a declarant may be registered concurrently as a declaring agent, or as a declaring agent and a declarant;
- (b) a declaring agent need only be registered once, but may act for any one or more declaring entities whose registration has not been suspended or revoked; and
- (c) a declarant may be registered more than once, with each registration in relation to a different declaring agent.

### **Register**

**35C.**—(1) The Director-General may maintain a register in such form as he may determine containing the particulars of registrants registered under this Part.

(2) Any person applying for registration under this Part shall provide the Director-General with all information and assistance that the Director-General may require for the purpose of registering the person.

### **Persons registered to be fit and proper persons**

**35D.**—(1) The Director-General shall not register any person as a registrant under this Part unless the Director-General is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to be so registered.

(2) Where the Director-General is satisfied that the person is a fit and proper person to be registered under this Part, the Director-General shall cause the particulars of that person to be entered in the register.