Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 1998

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ACT (CHAPTER 117A)

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (IMPORTS RELIEF) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1998

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24(1), (2) and (3) and 86(1) of the Goods and Services Tax Act, the Minister for Finance hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 1998 and shall come into operation on 3rd April 1998.

Amendment of Schedule

2. The Schedule to the Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) Order (O 3) is amended by inserting, immediately after item 33, the following items:

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34.	Importer	Temporary import of scientific and technical goods approved by the	(a)	That the importer satisfies the senior officer of customs that the goods are	Inward permit
		Director-General		that the goods are	

technically sophisticated and are not readily available in Singapore;

- (b) that the goods are imported solely
 - (i) for the purpose of being shown or demonstrated to solicit orders for such goods; or
 - (ii) to be used to carry out tests, experiments or demonstrations;
- (c) that the goods are re-exported within 3 months from the date of importation or within such further period as may be approved by the Director-General;
- (d) that the importation and re-exportation of the goods be registered by the proper officer of customs at the time of import and re-export;
- (e) that the goods are identified to the satisfaction of the proper officer of customs; and
- (f) that the tax is

payable if —

- (i) the goods are sold, disposed of or transferred locally;
- (ii) the goods are used for any gainful activity, except that a charge made for conducting the test, experiment or demonstration shall not invalidate the relief;
- (iii) the goods have been imported with a view to modification or improvement; or
- (iv) the goods are intended to be used to destruction, or it is known that as a result of the test they will not be worth re-exporting.

- 35. National Heritage Board and owner
- Artworks and (a) antiques imported by the National Heritage Board on loan from the owner for display or exhibition
- That the National Heritage Board satisfies the senior officer of customs that the owner of the loaned artworks and antiques has applied for, but has not yet