

**Registration of Imports and Exports Act  
(CHAPTER 270)**

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**REGISTRATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 270)**

**(Original Enactment: Ordinance 18 of 1934)**

An Act relating to the registration of imports and exports.

[18th May 1934]

### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Imports and Exports Act.

### Interpretation

2. In this Act unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context —

“aircraft” includes any kind of craft which may be used for the conveyance of goods by air;

“Board” means the Trade Development Board established under section 3 of the Trade Development Board Act [Cap. 330]\*;

\* References formerly in this Act to the Registrar of Imports and Exports are, in this edition, replaced by references to the Board, in accordance with section 18(2) of the Trade Development Board Act (Cap. 300).

“conveyance” means a vessel, train, road vehicle or aircraft, carrying goods;

“goods” includes all kinds of movable or personal property including animals;

“goods in transit” includes goods imported from a place outside Singapore and intended for conveyance through Singapore to any place beyond Singapore;

“tranship” means to remove goods from one conveyance to another for the purpose of exporting the goods from Singapore;

“vessel” includes any kind of craft which may be used for the conveyance of goods by water.

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### Rules

3.—(1) The Minister may make rules for the registration of all goods imported into, exported from, transhipped in, or in transit through, Singapore.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), such rules may be made with regard to any of the following matters:

- (a) imposing on importers, exporters, agents, forwarding agents, consignors or

consignees of goods or on owners, agents, masters or persons in charge of vessels, aircraft or other means of transport —

- (i) the duty to furnish —
    - (A) to the Board; and
    - (B) to the owner, agent, master or person in charge of a vessel, aircraft or other means of transport, or to a railway station-master or to such other person as may be prescribed,  
such particulars of, or explanations or documents regarding, goods imported into, exported from, transhipped in, or in transit through, Singapore as may be prescribed; and
  - (ii) the duty to produce for the inspection of the Board such documents as may be prescribed regarding those goods;
- (b) permitting the Board to authorise, in such manner as may be prescribed, the importation, exportation, transshipment or transit of goods regarding which the required particulars, explanations or documents have been furnished or produced;
  - (c) prohibiting the importation, exportation, transshipment or transit of goods, or the delivery of goods or of documents regarding those goods, except in compliance with the rules and with the authority of the Board;
  - (d) requiring the owner or agent of any vessel or aircraft or other means of transport to furnish particulars of coal, oil or other fuel or stores placed on board that vessel or aircraft in Singapore;
  - (e) prescribing the forms in which the required particulars and explanations shall be furnished;
  - (f) prescribing the time within which the required particulars, explanations or documents shall be furnished or produced;
  - (g) requiring the master of any junk, tongkang or similar Asian vessel to attend at the office of the Board or Port Master, and to furnish such particulars and explanations, and to produce such documents, as may be prescribed;
  - (h) prohibiting the issue of a port clearance to the master of any junk, tongkang or similar Asian vessel, pending compliance with the rules; and
  - (i) exempting any particular vessel or aircraft or other means of transport or any class of vessels or aircraft or other means of transport or any class of