

IMPORTING OF CONTROLLED ITEMS/MATERIALS

At times, we may need to import chemicals or research samples from overseas for our research works. It is important to understand the import requirements to avoid any legal violations with the respective governing agencies (Competent Authority). Note that the penalties for violating the requirements may involve fine, imprisonment, canes and even death sentence upon conviction.



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EXAMPLES OF COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) IN-CHARGE OF IMPORTING IN SINGAPORE

ANIMALS RELATED AND SAMPLES

1

National Parks Board (Nparks)/
Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS)

BIOLOGICAL RELATED AGENTS OR SAMPLES

2

Ministry of Health (MOH), Biosafety Branch (BSB)

CHEMICALS

3

a. National Environment Agency (NEA) for hazardous substances (Chemical Control and Management Dept)

b. Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) for flammable materials and substances

c. Singapore Police Force (SPF) for arms and explosives (includes explosive precursors)

DRUGS

4

Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB)

HEALTH OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS

5

Health Sciences Authority (HSA)

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND RADIATION RELATED EQUIPMENT

6

Radiation Protection and Nuclear Science Division (RPNSD) under the National Environment Agency (NEA)

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How should I go about if I intend to import chemical or radiation related items directly into Singapore?

1

Where possible, see if it is possible to obtain the items via local purchase

2

If importing from overseas is the only route, go to the Singapore Customs website:



SINGAPORE CUSTOMS

HS/CA Product Code Search

HS Code : (min 2 characters)

CA Product Code : (min 3 characters)

Description(s) :

- All Description(s)
- HS Code Description
- CA Product Code Description

Search By

- Containing all of these word(s)(max 2 words separated by space)
- Containing any of these word(s)(max 2 words separated by space)
- Containing phrases
- Beginning with these Word(s)

Controlled & Prohibited Goods for Import

Controlled goods require proper authorisation (advance notification, licence or certificate approval) from **Competent Authorities (CA)** before they may be imported into Singapore. You are advised to check if the goods are controlled using the description of the goods, Harmonized System (HS) code or CA product code via the [HS/CA Product Code Search Engine](#). If the item is subject to control, you may check directly with the respective [CAs](#) on their licensing requirements.

Please refer to the table below for the list of prohibited goods that you are not allowed to bring to Singapore.

<https://www.customs.gov.sg/businesses/importing-goods/controlled-and-prohibited-goods-for-import> to read up the requirements

3

Understand which Competent Authority (CA) is involved

4

Email the Competent Authority (CA) and enquire on the import requirements

5

Apply for the needful licence with the Competent Authority (CA)

6

Send to Singapore Customs with the reply and/or the licence by the Competent Authority (CA)

7

Ensure all requirements are cleared before activating the import of your item


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The Singapore Customs website (<https://www.tradenet.gov.sg/tradenet/portlets/search/searchHSCA/searchInitHSCA.do>), can also do a search for the item you intend to import:



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EXAMPLE: TO IMPORT MERCURY (ELEMENTAL)



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Note: If all the CAs confirmed that they do not regulate the import of the item, please provide the Singapore Customs with written confirmation from the CAs and the Singapore Customs will provide an appropriate advice on the permit application procedure

HS/CA Product Code Search

Search Criteria

HS Code :
 CA Product Code :
 Description : mercury

94 results found, displaying 1 to 10

HS Code	HS Description	Import	Export	Transshipment	CA Product Code	CA Product Description	Product Quantity Unit	Customs Duty	Excise Duty
26179000	OTHER ORES & CONCENTRATES (TNE)	RPN	RPN	-	-	-	-	-	-
26206000	SLAG ASH & RESIDUES CONTAINING ARSENIC OR THOSE METALS OR FOR MANUFACTURE OF THEIR CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS (TNE)	MTV	MTV	MTV	PCTWCB019	SLAG, ASH AND RESIDUES (OTHER THAN FROM THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON OR STEEL), CONTAINING ARSENIC, MERCURY, THALLIUM OR THEIR MIXTURES, OF A KIND USED FOR THE EXTRACTION OF ARSENIC OR THOSE METALS OR FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THEIR CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS	TNE	-	-
28054000	MERCURY (KGM)	CCD	CCD	-	PCDMER116	MERCURY (ELEMENTAL)	KGM	-	-
28521010	MERCURY SULPHATES CHEMICALLY DEFINED	CCD	CCD	-	PCDMER113	MERCURIC SULFATE	KGM	-	-

Click "CCD" which is the CA in-charge for this case

CA Code: CCD
CA Description: CHEMICAL CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT DEPT (CCMD) [HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES] & [ROTTERDAM CONVENTION PIC PROCEDURE] NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Contact info for the CA officers in-charge will appear. Contact the officers to confirm the import requirements.

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For further enquiries, contact Singapore Customs 6355 2000 or via the online form <https://form.gov.sg/#!/5eb0c6175ef87a00115694cb>

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Customs Documentation Enquiry Form

⌚ 5 mins estimated time to complete

1. Enquiry Topic

2. Name

3. Email

VERIFY

4. Mobile Number

5. Subject

6. Feedback/Enquiry

Note: Never import any items or materials without checking the requirements as it may end up with serious offences with the regulatory body