

## Advance Export Declaration (AED): Questionnaire for Companies

Name of Company: *[please fill in]*

**To be completed by 26 May 2010**

Question	Response
<b>Business Structure</b>	
1. What is the nature of your company? Please describe the nature of your operations, including your international / regional presence and the corresponding trade flows across borders.	
2. Has your company been impacted by another country's implementation of AED (e.g. US)?  Please describe the type of impact, particularly specific difficulties encountered and overcome with each country.	
3. What are some of the consequences your company foresees with the implementation of AED? Please provide as much detail as possible.	
4. Please provide a breakdown of your cargo in terms of originating destination (e.g. Singapore, SEA,	

<p>South Asia etc) and in terms of export types (e.g. domestic exports, re-exports, transshipments).</p> <p>Please also explain which part of this breakdown would be particularly timing-sensitive and why (e.g. cargo/client type)</p> <p>What is the percentage of cargo that will be affected with the implementation of AED?</p> <p>What is the actual volume of cargo that will be affected?</p>	
<p>5. What percentage of your present declarations is lodged before shipment? Please provide the actual base total.</p> <p>How much (in percentage terms) of current cargo volumes are currently declared before shipment? Please provide the actual base total.</p>	
<b>Operational Issues</b>	
<p>6. What mandatory information are you already declaring prior to shipment that is required by entities other than Customs?</p>	

7. What other operational difficulties does your company foresee with AED?	
8. What are the operational processes your company has to change/ put in place should AED be implemented?	
<b>Costs</b>	
9. What are some of the costs your company envisages to incur with the implementation of AED?	
10. Are these costs once off costs, or recurring costs? Please provide a detailed breakdown and elaboration on the nature of these costs, e.g. system changes, personnel additions etc.	
11. What would these new AED-related costs be as a percentage of (a) current freight charges, (b) current cost for declaration and (c) your company's revenue?	
12. What would these new AED-related costs be as a percentage of your company's total revenue?	
13. Please also provide information on how your company's business model	

<p>might be affected – for example, would these costs lead to a diversion of certain components of your business? Please provide clear examples.</p>	
<p>14. Can the costs be absorbed or passed on to the rest of the supply chain, for example, the consumers? If so, please explain how this might affect your company.</p>	
<p>15. By implementing AED and through mutual recognition, cargo from Singapore may gain facilitation at overseas ports, which otherwise would not be possible without an AED regime. To what extent does your company value this benefit?</p>	
<p><b>Proposed for Airfreight:</b>  <b>Declare via TradeNet/ACCESS at least 1 hour before departure</b></p> <p><b>Proposed for Seafreight:</b>  <b>Declare via TradeNet at least 8 hours before vessel arrival (berthing)</b></p>	
<p>16. With this option, what specific changes would your company have to make to adhere to the new deadline (at least 1 hour before departure for airfreight and at least 8 hours before vessel arrival for seafreight), and what are the primary difficulties that</p>	

would have an impact on cost?	
17. Is your company able to provide advance cargo information via alternative means within the same timeframe?	