

If You're Applying Permits/COs Yourself

Everything you need before you apply



Step 01. Activate Your Customs Account

All businesses need an active Customs Account before applying for any permit.

[Activate Account](#) →

Step 03. Set Up Inter-Bank GIRO (IBG)

Businesses are required to maintain an IBG with Singapore Customs for payment of duties and GST.

[Apply for GIRO](#) →

Step 05. Furnish Security (where applicable)

You are required to furnish security (in the form of eGuarantees) for various scenarios, including:

- Transactions involving dutiable goods
- Temporary import of goods for approved purposes
- Operation of licensed premises such as licensed warehouses and excise factories
- Compliance with regulatory requirements
- Revenue protection purposes

[Lodge Security](#) →
[eGuarantee@Gov](#) →

Step 02. Register as a Declaring Agent

You will need to register as a Declaring Agent (DA) and apply for TradeNet user ID to apply for your own customs permits or on behalf of your clients.

[Register / Renew Account](#) →

Step 04. Classify & Verify Your Goods

Determine the HS Code for your goods, check if they are controlled or prohibited, and obtain any necessary licences from the relevant Competent Authorities (CAs).

[HS Code Search](#) →
[Controlled Goods](#) →
[CA Requirements](#) →

Step 06. Prepare for Cargo Clearance

Submit your permits electronically via TradeNet or an approved Commercial TradeNet Front-end (CFE) Solution. Once approved, keep a copy of your approved permit for your records.

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