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Reserved Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 296)

Reserved Commodities Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2006 (L.N. 72)

The electronic submission of manifests (“EMAN services”) with respect to air, rail, river and ocean modes of transport was launched in April 2003 when the Import and Export (Electronic Transactions) Ordinance 2002 came into operation. The Ordinance provides for a transitional period beginning on 11 April 2003 to allow time for the affected parties to prepare for electronic submission and such transitional period shall end at the midnight on a day to be specified by the Commissioner of Customs and Excise or the Director-General of Trade and Industry by notice in the Gazette. The use of EMAN services has become mandatory since July 2004 for air and rail cargoes and will become mandatory from 16 June 2006 for ocean and river cargoes (L.N. 29, 30, 31 and 32 of 2006).

2. Under the Reserved Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 296), information required to be given electronically is to be given using a recognized electronic service. The effect of this Notice is to amend Schedules 1 and 2 to the Ordinance to expand the lists of specified electronic services providers and specified electronic services agents through whom the service can be provided.

3. Members may refer to the LegCo Brief (ref: CIB 89/18/1) issued by the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau in April 2006 for more background information about the Notice. The Administration has provided an information paper, “Appointment of New Service Provider and Service Agents for Electronic Submission of Cargo Manifests” (LC Paper No. CB(1)1295/05-06(01)) to the Panel on Commerce

and Industry, which was circulated on 12 April 2006. The Panel noted the paper and did not raise any query.

4. The Notice shall come into operation on 1 June 2006.

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