

Annex A: MOF's and Customs' response to key feedback on the draft Customs (Amendment) Bill

- 1. Proposed amendment: Require licensee of a licensed warehouse to remove all dutiable goods in the warehouse before the license expires or is withdrawn by the Director-General.**

Feedback: To refine the wording of the proposed amendment in respect of the term “remove”, to make clear that where a license has expired or is withdrawn, goods on which duty/ GST has already been paid can continue to be stored in that location. Otherwise, licensed warehouse operators may deem the proposed amendment to mean a requirement to physically shift the duty/ GST-paid goods to a different location, which may result in unnecessary burden and costs.

MOF and Customs' response: **Not accepted**. The proposed amendment is sufficiently clear. If the duty has been paid on the dutiable goods at the point of license expiry or withdrawal, there is no requirement for such goods to be removed from the ex-licensed premises. Licensed warehouse operators would only be required to physically move duty-suspended dutiable goods to another licensed premise, if duty has not been paid on the dutiable goods when the license expires or is withdrawn. Section 3 of the Customs Act defines “dutiable goods” as “any goods subject to the payment of customs duty or excise duty on entry into customs territory or manufactured in Singapore (including any free trade zone) and on which customs duty or excise duty has not been paid”.