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Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System) Amendments 2018

The Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD") announced that the amendments to the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System) in 2018 will take effect on 1 January 2018.

To support these changes, Tradelink will shortly deliver a Smart Upgrade Directive to the inbox of customers' ValuNet Deluxe software. ValuNet customers are not required to do anything as the directive will execute a process to upgrade the software automatically the first time you login after 31 December 2017. As regards Tradelink's Import/Export Declaration application at our Tradelink-ebiz Transaction Gateway, we will perform the necessary upgrade to cater for such changes. All customers are therefore not required to do anything to cater for these code changes.

However, we would like to remind customers who have built their own lists of product codes to amend their product code settings to reflect the latest revision of the HS Code accordingly. Failure to do so may result in application errors.

For full details of the changes, please refer to the C&SD webpage at:

http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/FileManager/EN/Content_93/HKIECL2018_amendment_booklet.pdf

Customers are reminded to use the 2017 HS Codes in Import and Export Declarations for 2017 shipments which are lodged before 15 January 2018. From 15 January 2018 onwards, the new 2018 HS Codes are required to be used in all declarations regardless of the shipment dates. Tradelink customers are reminded to enter the correct arrival or departure dates for their shipments as the basis for determining the correct set of HS Codes to be used.

For enquiries, please call the Commodity Code Enquiry Hotline of the Census and Statistics Department at 3178 8933 or Tradelink Customer Service Hotline at 2917 8888.

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