

Frequent Asked Questions : Transshipment Notification

I. The Legal Basis

Q1: What are the provisions in Hong Kong govern the transshipment notification of Radiocommunications Transmitting Apparatus (RTA).

A1 : For RTA that is transshipment cargo other than air transshipment cargo, the transshipment notification arrangement is applied under section 9C of the Telecommunications Ordinance (Cap. 106) (the “Ordinance”).

II. Things to be observed in Transshipment Notification

Q2: What requirement we need to observed in transshipment notification?

A2: Transshipment notification must be submitted at least one working day before the date of arrival of the RTA.

Q3: What happens if the transshipment notification is submitted later than one working day before the date of arrival of the RTA?

A3: In practice, we would not accept transshipment notification that is submitted later than one working day before the date of arrival of the RTA. Any such transshipment notification will be null and void.

Q4: Can I change the information of the transshipment notification?

A4: Any change to the information provided in the notification is not permitted. Please submit another notification if there is any amendment.

Q5: Is any payment required for the transshipment notification?

A5: The transshipment notification is free of charge.

III. Offence and Penalty

Q6: Is it an offence for providing incorrect information in the transshipment notification?

A6: Section 9 shall have effect if any person gives false or incomplete information in a transshipment notification. Under section 21 of the Ordinance, any person who contravenes section 9 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of \$25,000 and to imprisonment for 12 months.

IV. Others

Q7: What is RTA?

A7: RTA means any apparatus or any component part of any apparatus for transmission by radio waves. General examples of RTA are mobile phones, notebooks and tablets with Wi-Fi facility, Wi-Fi routers, Bluetooth apparatuses, 409 MHz walkie talkies, etc.

Q8: Can I apply to amend the re-export date after the RTAs have been imported into Hong Kong in accordance with the transshipment notification?

A8: If there is any subsequent change to the intended date of re-export of the RTA on the transshipment notification after importation, the re-exporter must apply for an export permit. For further information about applying permit, you may contact our colleague at 2961 6724.

Q9: What should I do after successfully submit the transshipment notification?

A9: The notification should be presented to the Hong Kong Customs when import and re-export the RTA.