

## **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.