## <u>Customs Facilitation Measures provided by the Mainland Customs</u> for Wine Entering the Mainland through Hong Kong

#### **Facilitation Measures**

Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters may make use of the web-based computer system ("Computer System") under the Customs Facilitation Measures as their wines enter the Mainland through Hong Kong. The customs facilitation measures (Note 1) currently cover the Mainland Customs at designated Mainland ports in Shenzhen and Guangzhou (Note 2). Details are as follows:

# (1) Web-based Computer System (Note 3)

• Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters can make use of the Computer System to submit advance valuation and consignment information to the Mainland Customs for wines to be entered into the Mainland. The information will be transmitted immediately to the Mainland Customs when confirmed in order by C&ED. The Mainland Customs will provide facilitation for the clearance of the wines.

### (2) Expedited clearance at Mainland ports

• If the Mainland Registered Wine Importers do not choose to make use of the above-mentioned service, they may follow the established customs declaration procedures to declare to the Mainland Customs the wine imported from Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters. The Mainland Customs will render customs facilitation service by striving to shorten the clearance time:

<sup>(</sup>Note 1) The Mainland Customs reserves the right to conduct necessary verification of the wine imported from Hong Kong by importers using the customs facilitation measures.

<sup>(</sup>Note 2) The six designated ports in Shenzhen are Huanggang Customs, Wenjindu Customs, Shatoujiao Customs, Shenzhen Bay Customs, Futian Free Trade Zone Customs and Meilin Customs. The designated port in Guangzhou is the Jiaoxin Wharf under the Neigang Customs Office.

<sup>(</sup>Note 3) The users have to give consent that information entered and uploaded to the Computer System, once stored or submitted, will represent their confirmation, agreement and authorization for C&ED to disclose the information to the Mainland Customs. Such information will only be used for purposes relating to the Co-operation Agreement on Customs Facilitation Measures for Wine Entering the Mainland through Hong Kong.

- a. For wine which has been <u>imported into the Mainland before</u>, the Mainland Customs may complete all customs clearance procedures within **three working days** provided that all necessary documents are submitted and no irregularities are found from the customs clearance and checking procedures; and
- b. For wine which has <u>never been imported into the Mainland</u>, the Mainland Customs may normally complete the valuation procedures within **seven working days**. If the product value cannot be determined within the said timeframe, the Mainland Registered Wine Importers may request for advance release of the goods by providing duty guarantees. The Mainland Customs may take samples and release the products concerned upon payment of guarantees.

### **Enquiry and Related Information**

For details on the operation of the "Customs Facilitation Agreement", please contact the following technical hotline and visit the webpage of C&ED:

	Technical Hotline	Website
C&ED	3759 2505	http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/
	(Operating hours at 9:00 am to 12:30pm and 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays.)	trade_facilitation/wine/index.html

The hotlines and webpages provided by the Shenzhen and the Guangzhou Customs for the customs facilitation measures are:

	<b>Shenzhen Customs</b>	<b>Guangzhou Customs</b>
Hotline	86-755-84398027 (Operating hours at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays. The hotline also handles enquiries of Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters on other customs matters concerning the importation of wine into the Mainland.)	12360 (National service hotline provided by the General Administration of Customs operating 24 hours a day.)
Relevant Website (Chinese Only)	http://www2.customs.gov.cn/tabid/38959/Default.aspx (Designated webpage of the Shenzhen Customs on the customs facilitation measures containing its Register of Registered Wine Importers.)	http://guangzhou.customs.gov.cn/tabid/48822/Default.aspx (Designated webpage of the Guangzhou Customs on the customs facilitation measures containing its Register of Registered Wine Importers.)

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