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NEWS RELEASE

NEW CONTROL MEASURES FOR 15 CHEMICALS (EXPLOSIVE PRECURSORS) IN SINGAPORE

From 1 July 2007, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) will be instituting a new regulatory regime under the Arms & Explosives (Amendment) Act, Cap 13 to control the use of a select group of 15 chemicals, which are explosive precursors (i.e. ingredients which can be used to make improvised explosive devices or IEDs).

The introduction of this measure is intended to make it more difficult for terrorists to obtain access to explosives and reflects our continual effort to protect Singapore from terrorism.

These 15 chemicals can be found in Annex A. Of these chemicals, usage of the first 13 [listed as (a) to (m) in the annex] has all along been regulated by the National Environment Agency (NEA) under the Environmental Pollution Control Act, Cap 94A. Control over their usage will be handed over to SPF for regulation on 1 July 2007. The use of the remaining two [listed as (n) & (o)] has not been previously regulated.

On implementation, anyone who wishes to “use” which is defined as “to deal, possess, import, export, manufacture or store” any of these 15 chemicals will need to apply for a licence issued by SPF.

For licensing matters or further clarification, please contact the Singapore Police Force, Arms & Explosives Branch, at Tel. No. 6835 0000 or email spf_ops_licensing@spf.gov.sg or visit our website at www.spf.gov.sg/licence.

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Annex A

**LIST OF CHEMICALS WHICH WILL COME UNDER
REGULATION BY SPF FROM 1 JULY 2007**

- a. Ammonium Nitrate
- b. Ammonium Perchlorate
- c. Barium Nitrate
- d. Guanidine Nitrate
- e. Hydrogen Peroxide
- f. Potassium Chlorate
- g. Potassium Nitrate
- h. Potassium Nitrite
- i. Potassium Perchlorate
- j. Sodium Chlorate
- k. Sodium Nitrate
- l. Sodium Nitrite
- m. Sodium Perchlorate
- n. Perchloric Acid
- o. Tetranitromethane