

Customs Facilitation Measures provided by the Mainland Customs
for Wine Entering the Mainland through Hong Kong

Facilitation Measures

Through the Mainland Registered Wine Importers, Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters may make use of the customs facilitation measures^(Note 1) provided by the Mainland Customs at designated Mainland ports as their wine enters the Mainland through Hong Kong. The facilitation measures currently cover Shenzhen. Details are as follows:

(1) Pre-valuation of Wine Duty

- The Mainland Registered Wine Importers may make use of the service of pre-valuation of wine duty **ten working days before** the importation of each lot of wine into the Mainland by submitting the customs declaration information to the duty valuation division of the Mainland Customs. The Mainland Customs will notify the Mainland Registered Wine Importers of the pre-valuation results. The results will be valid for **30 days** from issuance.
- Upon receipt of the pre-valuation results, the Mainland Registered Wine Importers may declare to the Mainland Customs the importation of the relevant lot of wine. If the declaration received is confirmed in order after verification by its validation division, the Mainland Customs will normally clear the customs declaration form within **1 working day**.

(2) Expedited clearance at Mainland ports

- If the Mainland Registered Wine Importers do not choose to make use of the above-mentioned pre-valuation 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:
 - a. For wine which has been imported into the Mainland before, the Mainland Customs may complete all customs clearance

(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.

procedures within **3 working days** provided that all necessary documents are submitted and no irregularities are found from the customs clearance and checking procedures.

- b. For wine which has never been imported into the Mainland, the Mainland Customs may normally complete the valuation procedures within **7 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.

Registration Conditions for Mainland Enterprises

The Shenzhen Customs has promulgated a notice on the implementation of the customs facilitation measures for wine entering the Mainland through Hong Kong, and has designated six importing ports in Shenzhen^(Note2) for application of the facilitation measures. Mainland enterprises may apply to the customs of the designated ports for registration as “Registered Wine Importer”. The Shenzhen Customs will assess the applicant in accordance with the following conditions:

- (i) possess the status of a separate legal entity, and on Category B or above in the Classified Enterprise Management by the Mainland Customs;
- (ii) having engaged in the import trade of wine in the Mainland for more than 1 year; and
- (iii) comply strictly with the rules, regulations and guidelines of the Mainland, and have no violation record within the 3 years prior to the application.

(Note 2) The six designated importing ports in Shenzhen are Huanggang Customs, Wenjindu Customs, Shatoujiao Customs, Shenzhen Bay Customs, Futian Free Trade Zone Customs and Meilin Customs.

Essential Conditions for using the Facilitation Measures

In accordance with the requirements of the Shenzhen Customs, the wine imported into the Mainland through Hong Kong by the Mainland Registered Wine Importers should fulfill the following essential conditions in order to enjoy the customs facilitation measures:

- (i) the wine must enter the Mainland through Hong Kong;
- (ii) the transaction should have been concluded;
- (iii) the selling party must be a Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporter;
- (iv) the transaction value of the wine to be imported should basically be confirmed at the time of application for pre-valuation of the duty; and
- (v) the related business invoices and documents are available to substantiate the transaction value.

Enquiry

The Shenzhen Customs operates an enquiry hotline on the customs facilitation measures (**86-755-84398027**) (Operating hours at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday). The hotline also handles enquires of Hong Kong Registered Wine Exporters on other customs matters concerning the importation of wine into the Mainland. The Register of Registered Wine Importers of the Mainland is accessible via the Shenzhen Customs' designated website (<http://www2.customs.gov.cn/tabid/38959/Default.aspx>).
