

CUSTOMS CHANGES SINGAPORE

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As of 1st Jan 2023, the Singapore Tax Authorities will require **E-commerce Platforms** (known as Overseas Vendors -OVR) selling and shipping to **Singapore's private consumers** to:

a) Apply for an Overseas Vendor Singapore Goods & Services Tax (GST) registration number.

b) Collect Goods & Services Tax (GST) on eligible Low Value Goods (up to 400 SGD) **at the point of purchase.**

c) Complete the GST return filing & payment to Singapore Tax Authorities on a periodic basis.

This new regulation is **only applicable** if the E-commerce Platform (Overseas Vendor) meets the following minimum criteria :

1) Global sales turnover exceeding SGD 1 million per year,
AND 2) Sales of Low Value Goods (LVG) to Singapore exceeding SGD 1 million per year.

If the **e-Commerce Platform (Overseas Vendor)** does **NOT** meet the minimum criteria **of both elements** above, then the **low-value exemption continues to apply** (same as per existing process).

The existing process:

All items import via mail or via air, are exempt from GTS taxes if their total CIF-value is less than 400 SGD, with the exception of alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

GTS exemption does not apply if the total value of the shipment exceeds 400 SGD. In that case, GST is payable over the total shipment value.

How to create the invoice

E-Commerce Platforms (Overseas Vendors) selling and shipping to **Singapore's private consumers** need to:

- **OVR GST Number:** include the Overseas Vendor (OVR) Singapore Goods & Services Tax (GST) registration number on the Commercial Invoice.

- **OVR GST Payment Flag:** in addition, also indicate on the Commercial Invoice, at line-item level, whether GST for the low value items was collected at the point of purchase.

a) Shipments with a total value up to 400 SGD will continue to be cleared under a **Low Value / Informal Declaration**, and the Singapore GST registration number of the e-Commerce Platform (Overseas Vendor) and the GST payment indicator on line-item level must be provided if applicable (if turnover exceeds 1 million SGD).

b) Shipments with a total value above 400 SGD will continue to be cleared under a **High Value / Formal Customs Declaration**.

In addition: