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To : Members of the Hong Kong Shippers' Council

Subject : Container Security Initiative (CSI) put into Implementation

The Economic Development and Labor Bureau announced last week that the Container Security Initiative (CSI) programme would be implemented from 12th May 2003. Regarding container/cargo inspection, Customs & Excise Department advised the following:

- (1) Mobile X-ray machines capable of screening full container would be used as far as possible. So far 2 of this type of machine have been in place and 2 more are being purchased. Of course, if situation demanded, customs officers would still carry out physical search.
- (2) Interception of containers for screening will be, again as far as possible, at the gates of container terminals or before loading onto vessels at piers. Both arrangements are to ensure minimal cost to shippers. However, in case handlings at container terminals have to be performed, there would be extra costs for shippers.

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