Subject: Clarifications on the Singapore Multimodal Transport Act 2021 (MTA)

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Dear Mr Jagan,

We refer to your article on the Singapore Multimodal Transport Act 2021 (MTA).

We would like to share that the Act will only apply for civil claims (including claims in contract and tort) for any Multimodal Transport Operator (MTO) that is (i) registered with a Competent National Body (CNB) in an ASEAN Member State (AMS), and (ii) where the origin or destination of goods is an AMS. In addition, the MTO must issue a Multimodal Transport Document (MTD) as proof of the multimodal transport contract.

Registration with the Singapore AFAMT Registry is strictly **optional** and there are **no** penal provisions for an MTO that is not a member of the Registry trading in an AMS (with respect to para 5 of your article). MTOs which choose not to register can still continue their operations in Singapore, as well as regionally and internationally, but will not be covered under the MTA and will not enjoy the benefits of the AFAMT. MTOs from non-AMSes would not be bound to the provisions of this Act, even if trading from an AMS.

The Singapore AFAMT Registry is separate from, and complementary to, the Singapore Registry of Accredited Multimodal Transport Operators managed by the Singapore Logistics Association (SLA) that accredits Multimodal Transport Operators to issue the FIATA Bill of Lading, an internationally recognised multimodal transport document.

We hope that the above information is useful and that you could publish the necessary clarifications on your website.

For more information on the Singapore AFAMT Registry of Multimodal Transport Operators, please visit LTA's website or send your queries to SGAFAMT Registry@lta.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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