

June 2007– Consultation Paper on Review of Reservation under Article 95 of United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods

Singapore ratified the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (“CISG”) on 16 February 1995, subject to a reservation under Article 95 of the CISG. The effect of the reservation is to limit the scope of application of the CISG so that, under Singapore law, the CISG will apply to contracts of sale of goods between parties from different states only when both the states are Contracting States, and the CISG will not apply where one of the parties is not from a Contracting State. The original rationale for the reservation was to avoid the unintended application of the CISG in circumstances where the contractual parties, one of whom being from a non-Contracting State, actually intended Singapore domestic law to apply.

This consultation paper reviews the reservation under Article 95 of the CISG. It seeks feedback on:

- (a) the specific issue of whether the reservation should be withdrawn;
and
- (b) related issues including the legislative amendments required, the need for public education about the legal effects of withdrawing the reservation and any additional steps that may be required.