

What you need to know as a Foreign Dealer in Precious Stones and Precious Metals



Legend:

PSPM =
Precious Stones and Precious Metals

FD =
Foreign Dealer

ML/TF/PF =
Money Laundering or Terrorism Financing or Proliferation Financing



What are Precious Stones & Precious Metals?

PSPM refers to precious stones, precious metals or precious products.

- PRECIOUS STONES**
Diamonds, sapphires, rubies, emeralds, jade and pearls.
- PRECIOUS METALS**
Gold, silver, platinum, iridium, osmium, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium and alloys with at least 2% in weight of any of the metals stated above.
- PRECIOUS PRODUCTS**
Jewellery, watch, apparel, accessory, ornament or other finished product that derives 50% or more of its value from any precious stone or precious metal or both.

Who are Foreign Dealers of PSPM?

A FD means a regulated dealer that:

- Is registered or incorporated outside Singapore OR habitually resides outside Singapore; and
- Does not have a permanent establishment, a place of management or a branch in Singapore.

Are Foreign Dealers required to register?

If you carry on a business in Singapore for more than **90 days** in a calendar year, you are required to register.

If you are not registered, you may be guilty of an **offence** and shall be liable on conviction to a fine and/or imprisonment.

[Register](#)

How to register?

- Submit your application to register with the Registrar of Regulated Dealers and pay your application fee at: gobusiness.gov.sg/licences
- The Registrar will give in-principle approval in due course, if the applicant is deemed fit and proper.
- After receiving the in-principle approval, pay your registration fee.
(Fee per place of business is dependent on the selected class of registration)
- The Registrar will issue your Certification of Registration.

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All FDs must comply, even if you are not required to register.

What are the requirements under the Precious Stones and Precious Metals (Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Act?

1. Transaction-based requirements for all FDs

Conduct customer due diligence (CDD)

CDD is a process by which regulated dealers obtain each customer's identifying information and verify who they are before transacting with them.

- When customers pay in cash, or cash equivalent above **S\$20,000** (designated transaction).
- When **ML/TF/PF** activities are suspected.
- When there is doubt in the **accuracy** of previously obtained CDD information.

Record keeping

For a period of **5 years** after the date of transaction, or when information is obtained, you must retain a record of:

- Every** designated transaction (whether or not completed).
- All information** relating to a customer (customer's identifying information, a copy of the supporting document, etc).

Cash Transaction Reports (CTR)

File CTR on designated transactions within **15 business days** at:

police.gov.sg/sonar

Suspicious Transaction Reports (STR)

File STR if there is suspicion of **ML/TF/PF**, without tipping off the customer at:

police.gov.sg/sonar

2. Entity-based requirements for registered FDs

They include implementing adequate programmes and measures to prevent ML/TF/PF and filing returns.

Refer to the ACD website for more details.

To find out more, go to: acd.mlaw.gov.sg/regulatory-regime
Or watch a video [here](#).

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.