

# 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.

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

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

### 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](http://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.

#### 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](http://police.gov.sg/sonar)

**S\$20,000**

**Suspicious Transaction Reports (STR)**

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

[police.gov.sg/sonar](http://police.gov.sg/sonar)

**STR**

#### 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](http://acd.mlaw.gov.sg/regulatory-regime)  
Or watch a video [here](#).

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**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.**