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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASEAN-CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (ACFTA)
TRADE IN GOODS (TIG) AGREEMENT**

We refer to our circular dated 19 December 2003 that highlighted the rules of origin and documentation procedures under the ACFTA Early Harvest Programme (EHP). The ACFTA (EHP) covers products in Chapter 1 to 8 and certain other products offered by the FTA partners.

2. We are pleased to inform you that the ACFTA TIG Agreement will be implemented on **20 July 2005**.

3. Unlike the EHP, the TIG Agreement does not have a common list of products which are subjected to a common tariff reduction. Instead, each Party has a list of products that are subjected to tariff reductions at different time frames. You are advised to refer to the Annexes to the ACFTA TIG Agreement (http://app.fta.gov.sg/asp/fta/china_text2.asp) to obtain the appropriate preferential tariff rate that your importer can enjoy for your products before applying for a Certificate of Origin for export to ASEAN or China.

Rules of Origin and Documentation Procedures

4. The rules of origin and documentation procedures detailed in our earlier Circular (46/2003) dated 19 December 2003 will apply for the export of your products to ASEAN or China under the ACFTA. Please note that Certificate Type 19, instead of Certificate Type 16, must be used for applications of Form E in the TradeNet[®] system.

5. Besides the value added rule, selected products are able to qualify under product specific rules based on substantial transformation. The product specific rule is to be taken as an alternative origin determination rule to the value added rule, except for certain products where product specific rules exclusively apply. The list for such products is available at MTI's FTA website (http://app.fta.gov.sg/asp/fta/china_text2.asp → Annex 3: Attachment B).

6. Please note that only goods meeting the originating criteria will be conferred preferential tariff rates by the FTA partners. We would encourage you to familiarise yourself with the rules of origin requirements and take advantage of the benefits of the ACFTA for exports of your products. Please share the contents of this circular with your colleagues and business partners.

Enquiries

7. For clarification on tariff reduction, you may raise your queries to MTI via the feedback form available at MTI's FTA website (<http://www.fta.gov.sg>). For enquiries on the rules of origin and documentation procedures, please contact Customs Call Centre at telephone number 6355 2000.



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