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Manufacturers, Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION OF PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN IN VIEW OF THE TIGHTENING SAFE-DISTANCING MEASURES IMPLEMENTED TO MINIMISE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

In view of the tightened safe-distancing measures implemented to minimise the spread of COVID-19 and to limit physical interaction, all manufacturers, traders and declaring agents are advised to adopt electronic transmission of Certificates of Origin. This includes electronic transmission of Form D via the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) under the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) and electronic transmission of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCO) bound for China under the Electronic Origin Data Exchange System (EODES).

2 For more information on the electronic transmission of Form D via the ASW, please refer to the “Electronic Exchange of Form D via the ASW” section on the Certificates of Origin page (www.customs.gov.sg/co).

3 For more information on electronic transmission of PCO bound for China under the EODES, please refer to Notice No. 18/2019 that could be found under Notices (www.customs.gov.sg > News and Media > Notices).

4 You may contact us at customs_roo@customs.gov.sg if you require further clarifications. A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found in **Annex A**.

Yours faithfully

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We hope that this notice has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this notice at customs_roo@customs.gov.sg

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: Will hardcopy PCOs continue to be issued in view of the tightened safe-distancing measures?

A1: Issuance of PCO will continue. However, once you have transmitted electronically via the ASW or EODES, you should refrain from sending the hardcopy PCO over to avoid confusion.

Q2: Can we still collect the hardcopy PCOs from the designated printing centres in view of the tightened safe-distancing measures?

A2: You can continue to collect the hardcopy PCOs from the designated printing centres during their opening hours. However, you are strongly encouraged to adopt transmission of electronic Form D via the ASW under ATIGA and transmission of electronic PCO bound for China, to minimise physical contact between persons.

Q3: Will manual endorsement in Box 13 at Revenue House continue for hardcopy PCOs destined for Malaysia?

A3: Please note that manual endorsements for Box 13 of hardcopy PCOs destined for Malaysia at Revenue House will no longer be available. For any manual endorsements to be made in Box 13 for PCOs bound for Malaysia, please proceed to Crimson Logic Service Bureau located at Chinatown Point.