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**IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE WHEN APPLYING FOR PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN / EXPORT CARGO CLEARANCE PERMIT FOR EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN**

The Agreement between Japan and Singapore for a New-Age Economic Partnership and the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement have been implemented since 30 Nov 2002 and 28 Jul 2003 respectively. Circulars detailing the export requirements for both Agreements are available at our website – [www.tradenet.gov.sg](http://www.tradenet.gov.sg).

2 We wish to remind all registered manufacturers of the following key points when applying for the preferential Certificate of Origin (CO) / Export Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP) for exports to Japan and Australia:

For Exports to Japan

a. Exporters must ensure that the HS code, Invoice No. and Invoice date, are declared together with the description of the goods in your preferential CO application.

For Exports to Australia

b. Exporters must apply for the preferential CO before the date of departure of the goods; and

c. Exporters must also cross out (X) the correct rule of origin code on Column 12 of the Certificate of Origin before you send the approved copy of the CO to your overseas importer. This code is provided in the Verification of Cost Statement/Letter of Acknowledgement issued to registered manufacturers who submitted their Manufacturing Cost Statement for our verification.

3 Please note that failure to comply with above key requirements may result in unnecessary delays during the clearance of your goods and/or rejection of the preferential CO by the respective importing Customs Authorities.

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4 Please highlight the contents of this circular to other colleagues in your organisations, your exporters and your declaring agent(s).

Further information

5 If you have not applied for Preferential CO for exports to Japan and Australia but wish to know more about these two Agreements, you may login to the Ministry of Trade and Industry website at "<http://www.fta.gov.sg>".

6 For further clarifications on the revised operational procedures, you may contact our Call Centre at 6355 2000.



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