

# DO YOU KNOW?

## ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF CERTIFICATES WITH CHINA NOW LIVE

Under the auspices of the upgraded China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, Singapore Customs and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China had agreed to establish an Electronic Origin Data Exchange System to allow the electronic exchange of the Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO) and Certificate of Non-Manipulation (CNM) between Singapore and China.



### Ⓞ WHEN DID THIS COME INTO EFFECT?

The transmission of the electronic PCO and CNM to China came into effect on 1 November 2019.

### Ⓞ HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT ME?

Before the electronic submission of PCO or CNM, the hardcopies of these certificates needed to be despatched overseas, which incurs cost and could take days. The electronic transmission eliminates this need, enabling companies to enjoy cost and time savings.

### Ⓞ HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ELECTRONIC PCO?

To apply for an electronic PCO under the China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (CSFTA) or ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA), you will require a Networked Trade Platform (NTP) account.

- > Once you have an NTP account, submit a one-time declaration at [go.gov.sg/eodesregform](https://www.go.gov.sg/eodesregform).
- > Subscribe to the International Connectivity Preferential Certificate of Origin (ICPCO) service in the Value-Added Services catalogue.
- > Apply for the PCO via TradeNet as per the current procedure.
- > Upon approval, the PCO can be retrieved via the ICPCO service in NTP.
- > The electronic PCO can now be submitted to China.

### Ⓞ WHAT IF I STILL REQUIRE A HARDCOPY PCO?

Singapore Customs will continue to issue the hardcopy PCO in parallel with the new procedure to ensure a smooth transition. You may choose not to collect the hardcopy PCO from the printing centres. Such uncollected hardcopies will be disposed one month from the date of approval. We will inform you one month in advance when we have firmed up the date to cease the issuance of hardcopy PCO.

### Ⓞ HOW SOON WILL CHINA RECEIVE THE APPROVED PCO?

In general, you will be able to retrieve the approved PCO record in the ICPCO service on NTP within one hour from its approval in TradeNet. You can then submit the electronic PCO immediately via ICPCO and China will receive the PCO in real-time.

For more information, refer to **Notice 18/2019** and **Notice 15/2019** on the Customs website.

The step-by-step guide to submit the electronic PCO to China can be found at [www.go.gov.sg/eodesguidebook](https://www.go.gov.sg/eodesguidebook). ●