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Singapore Customs



REVISED OPERATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE RULES OF ORIGIN OF THE ASEAN COMMON EFFECTIVE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF (CEPT) SCHEME FOR THE ASEAN FREE TRADE AREA (AFTA)

Recently, the ASEAN countries have revised the Operational Certification Procedures to create competitive economies of scale and to facilitate regional business operations to support the vision of ASEAN integration. This circular outlines the salient points of the revised Operational Certification Procedures for the Rules Of Origin (ROO) under CEPT Scheme for AFTA.

Highlights of the Revised Operational Certification Procedures

2. The main highlights on the revised Operational Certification Procedures for the Rules Of Origin are as follows:

- a) Rule 4 (b) allows for self-declaration by the final manufacturer for locally-procured materials.
- b) Rule 10 (b) allows the Issuing Authority of the Third ASEAN country to issue the Back-to-Back CEPT Certificate of Origin.
- c) Rule 16 (a) relates to the retention of documents for CEPT Form D which shall be retained by the Issuing Authority for not less than two (2) years from the date of issuance.
- d) Rule 17 details the procedures on retroactive check at random and/or when the importing country has reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of the document or as to the accuracy of the information regarding the true origin of the goods in question or of certain parts thereof.

3. The full details of the revision are available in <http://www.aseansec.org/12025.htm>. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the revised operational certification procedures for the rules of origin, so as to take advantage of the CEPT scheme for your exports to the ASEAN countries. Please highlight the contents of this circular to your colleagues in your organization and business partners if relevant.

Enquiries

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