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To: All Registered Manufacturers and Traders Registered with Singapore Customs (SC)

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC AMENDMENT AND DEFERRED PRINTING OPTIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (CO) FROM 1 APRIL 2013

Advance Export Declaration (AED) will be implemented from 1 April 2013. SC will require **ALL** declarations to be submitted **before** the goods are exported.

Amendment of Certificate of Origin

2 In conjunction with the AED implementation, we are pleased to inform that you can also submit amendments via TradeNet® to update the previously approved Export Permit with CO applications. The electronic amendments can be for both Permit and CO details provided that it is done within permit's validity period. In particular, information on the CO that can be allowed for electronic amendments are:

- i. Exporter's/Consignee's name and address;
- ii. Country of origin and/or destination;
- iii. Port of discharge
- iv. Date of departure;
- v. Marks and numbers;
- vi. Certificate description of goods;
- vii. Origin criteria text;
- viii. Certificate quantity and FOB details; and
- ix. Invoice details

Certificate Printing Option

3 Currently, the printed CO is ready for collection 2 working hours after its approval. To better facilitate electronic CO amendments, we have provided a new option for you to defer the printing of CO to a later date. The options available are:

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i. Immediate Printing (default) – Current Option

This printing option is as per current practice where your CO will be ready for collection about 2 working hours after its approval. (Amendments submitted after CO approval will incur extra cost due to printing of re-issued CO.)

ii. Deferred Printing (add 2 working days) – New Option

This printing option enables you to request for delayed printing of your CO. The deferred printing option will allow you to have sufficient time to make amendments to the CO fields prior to the printing. You can submit your amendments via TradeNet® any time before the CO is generated for printing hence save costs on re-printing of CO. (The CO will be generated for printing on Day 3, hence the cut-off time for electronic amendments is 00:00:00 hours of Day 3. Amendments submitted after the cut-off time will incur extra cost due to printing of re-issued CO.)

To activate this deferred printing option, you must select “Deferred Printing for CO” from the Customs Procedure Code (CPC) field in your TradeNet® Frontend Solution. Once the information is entered the CO will be printed on the 2nd working day from its approval date. *For example, if the CO is approved on Day 1, the CO will be ready for collection in the morning of Day 3.*

New Approval Condition Code

4 With electronic CO amendment and deferred CO printing options, 2 new approval Condition Codes will apply:

Additional Approval Condition Code	Validation
A55 Message text: “All previously issued COs for this Permit are null and void and must be returned to Singapore Customs.”	This Condition Code applies when an amendment is done after the CO has been generated for printing. <u>Note:</u> A new certificate number will be generated for application with “A55” Condition Code.
A56 Message text: “Approved by Singapore Customs. CO will be ready for collection after 11am on dd-mm-yyyy.”	This Condition Code applies when the deferred CO printing option has been selected. <u>Note:</u> (i) CPC suffix code is non-amendable (ii) The CO is ready for collection from day 3 of approval of CO

Clarifications

5 For your ease of reference, please refer to *Annex A* on the possible scenarios in relation to CO amendments. If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to “customs_roo@customs.gov.sg”.



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Quick Reference to Changes and Impact on Electronic CO Amendments and Printing

CO WITH IMMEDIATE PRINTING			
S/N	Scenarios	Approval Condition Code	Changes
1	Application with no amendment	A01 or A51 “Approved by Singapore Customs”	No change. CO can be collected after 2 working hours of approval as per current arrangement.
2	Application with CO amendment done after certificate has been generated for printing	A55 -“All previously issued COs for this Permit are null and void and must be returned to Singapore Customs.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. New certificate number will be issued. ii. CO can be collected after 2 working hours of approval of the amendment. iii. The previous CO must be returned to SC.
CO WITH DEFERRED PRINTING			
S/N	Scenarios	Approval Condition Code	Changes
1	Application with deferred printing option selected	A56 - “Approved by Singapore Customs. CO will be ready for collection after 11am on dd-mm-yyyy.” Note: Working days for collection are Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5 pm, Saturday: 8.30 am to 1 pm (if it is not a public holiday). Printing Option cannot be amended via electronic amendment. However, applicant may change “deferred” to “immediate” printing via the TradeNet® BackEnd User Interface.	The CO is ready for collection from day 3 of approval of CO.
2	Application with CO amendments done before CO has been generated for printing	A56 -“Approved by Singapore Customs. CO will be ready for collection after 11am on dd-mm-yyyy.”	The CO is printed and ready for collection from day 3 of approval of CO.
3	Application with CO amendment done after CO has been generated for printing. Note: The system cut-off time for generation of deferred printing is 00:00:00 hours of day 3.	A55 -“All previously issued COs for this Permit are null and void and must be returned to Singapore Customs.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. New certificate number will be issued. ii. CO can be collected after 2 working hours of approval of the amendment. iii. The previous CO must be returned to SC.