ASEAN Self-Certification Pilot Project

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- ASEAN-KOREA
- ASEAN-INDIA
- ASEAN-CHINA
- ASEAN-JAPAN
- ASEAN-AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM

Only Government authorised bodies allowed to endorse preferential certificates of origin.

WAY FORWARD

Self-Certification Scheme
BACKGROUND

Memorandum of Understanding for Self Certification was signed on 26 August 2010 during the AEM. It will enter into force on 1 Nov. 2010 upon ratification by all 3 AMS.

Malaysia  Brunei  Singapore

Involving three Participating Member States

OBJECTIVES

Facilitating intra – ASEAN trade

Reduce cost of doing business

Maximize the efficiency of the government limited resources
SELF-CERTIFICATION

Self-certification is a system which enables the Certified exporter to make out an invoice Declaration for the export of goods

The information in the invoice declaration is less than what appears in ATIGA Form D

It will gradually replace the conventional ATIGA Form D which is currently being issued by the Issuing Authority i.e. MITI

A separate OCP has been formulated for the purposes of the Pilot Project

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. For the ASEAN Self Certification System, participating Member States will circulate the list of authorised/certified exporters who will be determined by MITI.

2. The authorised/certified exporter means an exporter duly authorised to make out invoice declarations on the origin of a good exported.

3. The authorised/certified exporters will be authorised by the Issuing Authority of the Participating Member States.

4. Exporters will have to apply to the Issuing Authority before they can become authorised/certified exporters.
CRITERIA OF CERTIFIED EXPORTERS

- Manufacturers who are also exporters
- Good past track record
- Not blacklisted by any agency i.e Customs or MITI
- Be able to comply to the ROO

INFORMATION NEEDED

Upon approval, the exporter will be given a Certified Exporter number together with the approval letter.

Validity of Approval
Certified Exporter Number
List of products
Obligation to submit number of Invoice Declarations to the Issuing Authority on a monthly or quarterly basis.
DOCUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO CUSTOMS FOR GOODS CLEARANCE

- Commercial Invoice (Invoice Declaration)
- Bill of Lading
- Customs Declaration Form
- Other related documents (if required)

INVOICE DECLARATION

An authorised exporter will declare its goods originating from Singapore or Brunei using the commercial invoice (pro-forma invoice will not be accepted).

The exporter will have to insert a statement in the Invoice to declare that the goods are in compliance to the Rules of Origin under ATIGA.
The exporter of the product(s) covered by this document (Certified Exporter No……) declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, the products satisfy the Rules of Origin to be considered as ASEAN Originating Products under ATIGA (ASEAN Trade in Goods:………) with origin criteria:……….."

- In the event when the invoice made out by the certified exporter may not be available to the importer at the time of exportation, the invoice declaration can be made out by a certified exporter on any of the commercial documents as follows:
  - Billing statement; or
  - Delivery order; or
  - Packing list

The declaration must be signed by hand, with the addition of the name of the person.
VALIDITY PERIOD

Valid for a period of twelve (12) months for origin certification made out and must be submitted to the customs authorities of the Member States within that period.

WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORISATION

The Issuing Authority **MAY WITHDRAW** the Authorisation at any time when:

- No longer fulfill the conditions referred to in Rule 12 A (2) of the OCP;
- No longer offers the guarantees referred to in Rule 12A(1) of the OCP; or
- Abuse the authorisation.
- Penalty will be imposed for false declarations as stipulated in the Customs Act 1967.
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Thank You!

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