Agenda

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Day 1 (Tuesday, July 10, 2012): FTA and ROO

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening Session
Opening Remarks by MOFAT official
Welcoming Remarks by President of KIEP

09:30-10:45 Session 1 Rules of Origin and Harmonization of ROO
Presenter: Prof. Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan

This session will lay out the general knowledge on FTA ROOs and look into specific cases of ROOs in major FTAs and harmonization of ROOs and their implications on economic benefits in terms of international trade theory.

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Session 2 FTA ROOs and Regional Economic Integration
Presenter: Prof. In-won Park, Korea University

This session will examine the characteristics and patterns of FTA ROOs, and draw implications for APEC Regional Economic Integration.

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 3 Effect of Rules of Origin on Trade and Economic Implication of APEC-wide ROO
Presenter: Prof. Han-sung Kim, Ajou University

This session will cover the impact of ROO on preferential trade in Korea-ASEAN FTA, using Korea's imports data from ASEAN since the implementation of Korea-ASEAN FTA, and potential benefits of having APEC-wide ROO in trade agreements among APEC Members.

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:15 Session 4 Challenges presented by ROOs in implementing FTAs
Presenter: Ms. Mette Werdeline Azzam, WCO

This session will look into problems and challenges presented by ROOs in implementing FTAs; whether these are general challenges linked to the ROO themselves or specifically related to the origin criteria, changes in production methods or other. The presenter will also introduce the WCO Database of Preferential Trade Agreements that is a useful tool in the negotiation of preferential trade agreements and in the implementation and the application of the ROOs by Customs and business.

17:15-17:45 Wrap-up Discussion
Moderator: Prof. Alan Deardorff, University of Michigan

18:00- Dinner
Day 2 (Wednesday, July 11, 2012): FTA Implementation and ROO

09:00-10:30 Session 5 Origin Verification Process and Practices (I)

Presenter: Mr. Sukoh Kim (Korea Customs Service: KCS)
Origin Verification Procedures and Practices under FTA Framework in Korea
- Preferential verification procedures and practices under FTAs on the basis of experiences of Korea Customs Service
- Legal basis of verification, organization, type of verification and verification process for import and export
- Controversial issues raised in the course of verification based on actual verification cases and recommendations to secure more effective verification system

Presenter: Mr. J D. Jackson (U.S. Customs and Border Protection: CBP) [TBD]
Customs Authorities’ approach of US Customs and Border Protection to origin verification, exporters’ and importers’ legal obligation and penalties with relevant examples

Presenter: Ms. Gabby Shim (KCS)
Introduction of a government-run origin management system for FTAs (FTA-PASS) and concerns on how to support export capability of business and foster expertise through consulting and diverse supporting channels

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 Session 6 Origin Verification Process and Practices (II)
Presenter: APEC economies (TBD)
- Mr. Billy Wen-Hai SHYU (Ministry of Finance, Chinese Taipei)
Moderator: Mr. Sukoh Kim (KCS)
This session will be an opportunity to exchange information and share best practices on origin verification process and practices of APEC economies.

12:00-13:15 Lunch

13:15-14:30 Session 7 Cases of Origin Management System in the Private Sector
Presenter: Mr. Sang-hee Pang, Hyundai Motor Company, Mr. Mun-gu Park, KPMG
This session will present and discuss cases of the origin management system adopted by the private sector. The hands-on experiences will be shared and further solutions to challenges will be sought for capacity-building of business in the private sector.

14:30-14:45 Wrap-up Discussion and Satisfaction Questionnaire
Moderator: Dr. Chul Chung, KIEP

14:40-15:00 Closing Session
Closing Remarks by Vice-President of KIEP

Day 3 (Thursday, July 12, 2012): Field Trip

09:00-12:00 On-site Visit to the Seoul Main Customs

12:00- Lunch