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Capacity Building Workshop Dealing with a New Trade Landscape: Complexities of Rules of Origin and Logistical Challenges of Trade Facilitation Seoul, Korea 22-24 September 2015

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Sep. 22-24, 2015, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Master of Ceremony & Moderation: Dr. Minjung Kim, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University

DAY 1 (SEPT. 22)	Tuesday
8.30 am – 9.00 am	Arrival/Registration/Coffee
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Welcoming Remarks Ambassador Taeho Lee, Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
9.05 am – 9.10 am	Photo Session
9.10 am – 9.20 am	Introduction/Overview of Workshop Prof. Jaemin Lee, School of Law, Seoul National University
Session 1 9.20 am – 10.30 am	 Understanding Complexities and Challenges of Rules of Origin in the FTA Era Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief for the Division of Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programs, UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland The first session will offer an introductory framework for the day 1 discussions, including the advent of increasing complexities involving Rules of Origin in the FTA era, and what this new phenomenon means, both legally and logistically, for the participating APEC Economies and their government agencies. The session will discuss a wide spectrum of structural changes and new challenges facing the APEC Economies in the FTA era in terms of Rules of Origin, with a particular emphasis on the situation of developing economies Designated Discussants: Prof. Henry Gao, Singapore Management University, Singapore; Prof. Yuka Fukunaga, Waseda University, JapanGeneral Discussions (Questions & Answers Session with Participants)
10.30 am – 10.45 am	Coffee Break
Session 2	Key Provisions and Characteristics of the Rules of Origin in WTO and FTAs
10.45 am – 12.00 pm	- Ms. Margaret Liang, Singaporean Foreign Ministry
	- Prof. Henry Gao, Singapore Management University.
	The second session will then provide an overview of the key provisions of the Rules of Origin mechanism so as to inform the participants of how the mechanism would actually work in practice. The speakers and discussants will touch upon the key characteristics of the Rules of Origin both in the WTO and FTA regimes. They will also discuss what these rules actually mean for key domestic stakeholders such as corporations and business entities.
	Designated Discussants: Ms. Mette Werdelin Azzam, Technical Officer(Origin), WCO,
	Ms. Gab-Young Shim, Director, FTA Cooperation Dvision, Korea Customs Service,
	Ms. Eun-Suk Ahn, Manager, Trade Certtificate Service Center, Korea Chamber of
	Commerce and Industry.
	General Discussions (Questions & Answers with Participants)

Session 3	Rules of Origin in WTO/FTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism
1.30 pm – 3.10 pm	- Prof. Heng Wang, Visiting Professorial Fellow, the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
	- Ms. Mette Werdelin Azzam, Senior Technical Officer(Origin), WCO
	The third session will address how the issue of Rules of Origin is addressed in the dispute settlement proceedings of the WTO and FTA. The discussions will also include unique traits that Rules of Origin disputes entail in the dispute settlement proceeding. The speakers and discussants will also explain expected disputes of Rules of Origin in the FTA era in the future.
	Designated Discussants: Dr. Hyo-Young Lee, Associate Research Fellow, Multilateral
	Trade Department of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP);
	Prof. Jaehyoung Lee, School of Law, Korea University
	General Discussions (Questions & Answers by the Participants)
3.10 pm – 3.30 pm	Coffee Break
Session 4	Rules of Origin in Trans Pacific Partnership: A New Attempt in Mega-FTAs?
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	- Prof. Yuka Fukunaga, Waseda University, Japan
	 Mr. Jawyang Huang, Office of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Chinese Taipei
	The fourth session will deal with more detailed legal and logistical issues that the APEC Economies will encounter in the case of mega-FTAs. By way of example, it is reported that the TPP is scheduled to adopt a unique Rules of Origin rules. As such, the speakers and discussants will discuss key issues and traits associated with mega-FTAs, such as the TPP.
	Designated Discussants: Ms. Margaret Liang, Singaporean Foreign Ministry; Prof. Dukgeun Ahn, Seoul National University
	General Discussions (Questions & Answers by Participants)
5.00 pm – 5.05 pm	Wrap- up and Overview of Day 2
	Prof. Jaemin Lee, School of Law, Seoul National University
6.30pm – 8.30 pm	Welcome Dinner
DAY 2 (SEPT. 23)	Wednesday
8.30 am- 9.00 am	Arrival/Registration/Coffee
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Introduction Prof. Jaemin Lee, School of Law, Seoul National University

Session 5	An Overview of the Trade Facilitation Agreement
9.05 am – 10.40 am	- Prof. Deok-Young Park, School of Law, Yonsei University
	- Mr. Kichang Chung, Attorney, Yoon & Yang, Seoul Korea
	The fifth session will explore yet another new issue of the global trading regime – trade facilitation. The speaker will discuss and explain the key contents of the Trade Facilitation Agreement of 2014 and its implication for APEC Economies. Focus will be placed on understanding the new sets of obligations imposed on APEC Economies as a result of the introduction of the new agreement.
	Designated Discussants: Mr. Jawyang Huang, Office of Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Chinese Taipei; Prof. Asif Qureshi, School of Law, Korea University.
	General Discussions (Questions & Answers by Participants)
10.40 am – 11.00 am	Coffee Break
Session 6	Logistical Challenges and Capacity Building for Developing Economies of
11.00 am – 12.30 pm	APEC
	- Ms. Eleanor Thornton, International Trade Specialist, USAID
	- Prof. Asif Quresh, School of Law, Korea University (The FTA Paradigm for the Configuration of World Trade and Foreign Investment: The Case of Outward Processing Zones)
	- Ms. Joohyoung Lee, Attorney, Kim & Chang, Seoul, Korea
	The sixth session will discuss logistical challenges that the developing economies will encounter as a result of the advent of the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The presentation by speakers will address the capacity building issues and areas of immediate support for developing states. The speakers will also touch upon APEC's capacity building efforts for trade facilitation.
	Designated Discussants: Mr. Chul-Hun Lee, Deputy Head, WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific; Mr. Kichang Chung, Attorney, Yoon & Yang, Seoul, Korea
	General Discussions (Questions & Answers by Participants)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon

Session 7	Looking Forward – Trade Facilitation Agreement and the Future of the Global
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Trading Regime
1 1	- Prof. Jaemin Lee, School of Law, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
	 Dr. Hyo-Young Lee, Associate Research Fellow, Multilateral Trade Department of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
	The seventh and final session will discuss the systemic implication that the Trade Facilitation Agreement will carry. This agreement has been understood to be one of the significant achievements in the DDA negotiations, so the successful conclusion and implementation of the agreement will signify that the global community can still deliver the negotiations of multilateral trading regime. The final session will also discuss the implication of Trade Facilitation Agreement for FTAs and vice versa.
	Designated Discussants:; Professor Heng Wang, Visiting Professorial Fellow,
	University of New South Wales; Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief of Division of Africa and
	Least Developed Countries;
	General Discussions (Question & Answers by Participants)
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Coffee Break/Wrap up and Evaluations
DAY 3 (SEPT. 24)	
09.00 am – 12:30 pm	On-site Visit to the Incheon Main Customs
13:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Luncheon