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TO : All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District and Port Collectors
All Importers, Exporters and
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Implementation Date of the Revised Rules of Origin (ROO)
under the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)

Please be advised that the implementation of the revised ROO, including the new Product Specific Rules (PSRs) in HS 2017 of the ACFTA,¹ is on 1 August 2019, except for China and Vietnam. The table below outlines the dates of implementation of the revised ROO and the new PSRs by ACFTA Parties:

ACFTA Party	Date of Implementation
ASEAN (9)	01 August 2019
Vietnam	12 September 2019
China	20 August 2019

While, the agreed transition period for the acceptance of the old and new Certificate of Origin (CO) Form E is on 20-31 August 2019. ACFTA Parties, except Vietnam,² will no longer accept the old CO Form E starting 1 September 2019.

Further, old CO Form E issued prior to 1 September 2019 shall remain valid for a year.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO
Commissioner
SEP 09 2019



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¹ CMC.176-2019

² Vietnam will implement the new CO Form E on 12 September 2019

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23 August 2019

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER EDWARD JAMES DY-BUCO

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Attention: **Ms. Rechilda T. Oquias**
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Subject: **Update on the Implementation Date of the Revised Rules of Origin (ROO) under the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)**

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dy-Buco,

At the 12th Meeting of ASEAN-China FTA Joint Committee Meeting and Related Meetings (12th ACFTA-JC) in Bangkok on 20 – 22 May 2019, the Meeting agreed that the implementation of the revised Rules of Origin (ROO), including the new Products Specific Rules (PSRs) in HS 2017, of the FTA would be moved to 01 August 2019 with a two-week transition period wherein both old and new Certificates of Origin (CO) Form E would be accepted. However, China and Viet Nam were unable to implement these on 01 August 2019 as they were unable to complete their respective domestic clearance procedures.

Intersessionally, China and ASEAN have been discussing the implementation of the revised ROO, which we have enclosed for your reference. Following the recent confirmation by both China and ASEAN, the table below outlines the dates of implementation of the revised ROO and new PSRs by ACFTA Parties and the agreed transition period for the acceptance of the old and new CO Form E. ACFTA Parties, except for Vietnam, have confirmed that the old CO Form E issued after 31 August 2019 will no longer be accepted.

ACFTA Party	Date of Implementation
ASEAN (9)	01 August 2019
Vietnam	12 September 2019
China	20 August 2019
Transition Period	20-31 August 2019

Should you have further queries or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (t) 465-3300 through Mr. Paulo Estrada (local 420; Email: PauloEstrada@dti.gov.ph) or Ms. Hanah Domingo (local 419; Email: HananielaDomingo@dti.gov.ph).


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Thank you very much for the usual cooperation.

Sincerely,

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20 August B.E. 2562 (2019)

Dear Mr. Zhang Shaogang,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 16th August 2019, ASEAN is pleased with the completion of China's domestic ratification process of the revised PSRs under ACFTA. ASEAN welcomes China to join ASEAN's arrangement to implement the new CO Form E in which ASEAN has already begun its implementation since 1st August 2019.

In this connection, I would like to reaffirm that China and ASEAN, except Viet Nam who will be able to implement the new CO Form E on 12th September 2019, will accept either old or new CO Form E in mutual way until 31st August 2019 and will no longer accept old CO Form E issued on or after 1st September 2019. In addition, ASEAN proposes that old CO Form E issued prior to 1st September 2019 will remain valid for a year.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of ASEAN's unwavering commitment to further strengthen the long and sound cooperative relations between ASEAN and the People's Republic of China.

Sincerely yours,

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