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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 276-2019

To: All Deputy Commissioners  
All Service Directors  
All District/Port Collector  
All Chiefs, Formal Entry Division or Equivalent Unit  
All others concerned


**SUBJECT: Korea's Change in Certificate of Origin (CO) Numbering System  
Under the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)**

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Attached hereto is the letter dated 21 November 2019 of Atty. Allan B. Gepty, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Trade Relations, regarding the change in the numbering system for the issuance of ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA) Certificate of Origin (CO Form AK) starting November 9, 2019.

Previously, replacement CO Forms were issued the same number as the original CO Form. Under the new scheme of Korea, replacement CO Forms will be issued its own reference number. This is in line with the AKFTA Operational Certification Procedures Rule 5 which states that Certificates of Origin shall bear a reference number separately given by the issuing authority.

For your information and guidance.

  
**ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO**  
Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

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21 November 2019

**ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY-BUCO**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordination Group  
Bureau of Customs  
South Harbor, Port Area, Manila

**Subject** : Korea's Change in Certificate of Origin (CO) Numbering System under the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dy-Buco,

This is to endorse the attached letter from Korea Customs Service informing ASEAN Member States, through the ASEAN Secretariat, regarding the change in the numbering system for the issuance of ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA) Certificate of Origin (CO Form AK) starting 19 November 2019.

Previously, replacement CO Forms were issued the same number as the original CO Form. Under the new scheme of Korea, replacement CO Forms will be issued its own reference number. This is in line with the AKFTA Operational Certification Procedures Rule 5 which states that Certificates of Origin shall bear a reference number separately given by the issuing authority.

For questions and/or further clarifications, please directly coordinate with Ms. Ma. Monica A. Mamoyac through (e) MaMonicaMamoyac@dti.gov.ph or (t) 8465-3300 local 420.

Thank you for the usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*FAA:*  
*28 NOV 19*  
Atty. Allan B. Gepty  
Assistant Secretary *mlk*

Enclosed: a/s

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*November 4, 2019*

To whom it may concern,

First of all, I'd like to appreciate your effort to implement Korea-ASEAN FTA.

Up until now, issuing authorities of Korea (Korea Customs Service & Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry) have been using the same reference number even in the newly issued CO after correcting the initially issued one.

However, we inform you that starting from November 19th 2019 the newly issued CO will be offered with the new reference number after correction, in recognition that the corrected CO is actually a new CO.

We anticipate this change will largely contribute to the trade between the two parties as well as the implementation of Korea-ASEAN FTA.

Please contact us to the contact information on the upper right side should you require any further clarification regarding this change in our system.

Sincerely yours,



**Sung, Tae-Kon**  
**Director General**  
**FTA Implementation Bureau**  
**Korea Customs Service**