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To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Service Directors
All District/Port Collectors
All Chiefs, Formal Entry Division or Equivalent Unit
All Others Concerned

**SUBJECT: Dissemination of Information to the Appropriate Stakeholders
Regarding Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin issued by Japan
Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Attached hereto is the letter dated 06 October 2020 of J. Susana V. Paez, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs, informing this Bureau that beginning September 2020, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry issued the Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (COs) online throughout Japan and the same will certify that goods are subject to non-preferential treatment.

In addition thereto, the new service will be available to some CCI's immediately and the rest of the services will follow in due course. The new form will be printed in colored and on white paper which will come into use for the online issuance for the said service.

Further, the new service will contain a data matrix code which contains a link redirecting to an official reference site (<http://ref.icci.or.jp/>) where users will be able to authenticate their certificates online.

Furthermore, the existing form for paper-based issuance will remain in use alongside the implementation of the new procedures. This means that for the foreseeable future, both forms will be utilized.

For your information and guidance.

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