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**TO :** ALL DISTRICT AND SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO  
Commissioner, *JUL 08 2020*  BOC-01-03457

**SUBJECT :** ACCEPTANCE OF PHILIPPINE FTA PARTNERS OF  
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF EXPORT DOCUMENTS FOR  
CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AT COUNTRY OF DESTINATION

**DATE :** June 29, 2020

1. In the spirit of trade facilitation during this COVID-19 pandemic and to implement the reciprocity rule in the submission of scanned copies of Certificates of Origin, please be informed that **all Philippine Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners, except India and Japan for the Philippine-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA)** have accepted the request of the Philippines to allow our exporters to submit scanned copies of commercial documents, including Certificates of Origin, for customs clearance at the country of destination.
2. In view of the foregoing, all stakeholders and offices concerned are hereby directed to observe the guidelines stated in **OCOM Memorandum No. 82-2020 dated 07 April 2020 (Annex A)** on the Online Submission of Documents for Export Processing, particularly Section 5.2.3 (f) thereof on the Issuance of Certificate of Origin bound for the aforementioned Philippine FTA partners.
3. For your reference, attached herewith is the complete list (**Annex B**) of the Philippine FTA Partners' feedback together with their condition/s relative to the submission of scanned copy of Certificates of Origin.
4. For strict compliance.

04 June 2020

**REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO**

Commissioner  
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**Attention: Deputy Commissioner Edward James Dy-Buco**  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group

**Subject: Response of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Partners to the Philippines' Request for the Acceptance of Scanned Copies of Commercial Documents such as Certificates of Origin for Customs Clearance**

Dear Commissioner Guerrero,

We are pleased to inform you that all of the Philippines' ASEAN-related FTA Partners (except India) and Japan for the Philippines-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (PJEPA) have accepted our request to allow scanned copies of commercial documents, including Certificates of Origin, for customs clearance amidst the COVID-19 situation in the Philippines.

With this, we respectfully request the BOC to undertake appropriate actions, including the preparation of necessary customs issuance, to implement the measure. Attached for reference is the summary of the FTA Partners' feedback as well as the requisite condition/s relative to submission of scanned commercial documents.

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

Thank you for the usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
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Assistant Secretary

Copy: **Director Senen M. Perlada**  
DTI-Export Marketing Bureau

Attachments: a/s

**BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE RELATIONS**

**Summary of FTA Partners Response on PH Request to  
Accept Scanned Copies of Commercial Documents**  
(as of 02 June 2020)

<b>FTA Partner</b>	<b>FTA</b>	<b>Certificate of Origin (CO)</b>	<b>Feedback and Condition</b>
Brunei Darussalam	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within a month after clearance of the goods.
Cambodia	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within 45 days after clearance of the goods and provided that the CO may be verified electronically, or other means.
Indonesia	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable provided that the scanned documents are colored / not monochrome.
Lao PDR	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable provided that the scanned documents are colored / not monochrome and that the original copy is submitted within a month after clearance of the goods. This measure will remain in effect until 30 September 2020.
Malaysia	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable provided that the original copy is submitted 30 days after the lifting of the Movement Control Order (MCO) in Malaysia.  Note that the MCO was extended until 9 June 2020.
Myanmar	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within a month after clearance of the goods and provided that the scanned documents are colored / not monochrome.
Singapore	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable.
Thailand	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable subject to submission of original copy within a month after clearance of the goods. This measure will remain in effect until 30 September 2020.
Viet Nam	ATIGA, AANZFTA, ACFTA, AIFTA, AJCEP, AKFTA	Form D, Form AANZ, Form E, Form AI, Form AJ, Form AK	Acceptable provided that the CO may be verified electronically, or other means.

FTA Partner	FTA	Certificate of Origin (CO)	Feedback and Condition
Australia	AANZFTA	Form AANZ	Acceptable.
China	ACFTA	Form E	Acceptable
Japan	AJCEP, PJEPA	Form AJ, Form JP	Acceptable provided that the scanned documents are colored / not monochrome and that the original copy is submitted within a month after clearance of the goods.
Korea	AKFTA	Form AK	Acceptable.
New Zealand	AANZFTA	Form AANZ	Acceptable.