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MEMORANDUM

TO : All District/Port Collectors
Deputy Collectors for Assessment
Chiefs, Formal Entry Divisions

THRU : *[Signature]*
ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO
Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. ROMALINO G. VALDEZ
Chief, Export Coordination Division

SUBJECT : Online Access to the Economic Partnership
Agreement (EPA) Certificates of Origin Reference
System of Japan effective January 22, 2018

DATE : January 29, 2018

Attached is updated ID and Password of the Philippines for the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Certificates of Origin Reference System (<https://cts.jcci.or.jp/cec/origin.htm>) established by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) for the purpose of verifying authenticity of COs issued under the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Japan and Member States of the ASEAN (AJCEP Agreement).

Please be reminded that the attached ID and Password are **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL** pursuant to the provision on confidentiality in Rule 9 of Annex 4 of the Operational Certification Procedures (OCP) of the AJCEP. This should be disseminated only to the proper offices and/or officers of your ports.

For your information and guidance.

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16 January 2018

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Subject: EPA Certificates of Origin (CO) Reference System

Dear Deputy Commissioner Dy Buco,

This is to endorse to the Bureau of Customs (BOC) a copy of the Note Verbale No. 16-18 from the Embassy of Japan in Manila. The Note Verbale informs the Philippines that the Password for the EPA Certificates of Origin (CO) reference system, established by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI), for the purpose of verifying the authenticity of COs issued under the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership among Japan and ASEAN (AJCEP Agreement), will change on 22 January 2018, and that the Password will change annually for security reasons.

BOC will have access to the PDF files of issued COs and specimen signature of the Japanese certification body designated by METI by accessing to the system located in the specified URL with the ID and Password as attached.

Kindly note that Rule 6 of Annex 4: Operational Certificate Procedures (OCP) of the AJCEP Agreement states that the information under this system will be provided as part of the assistance, and this will be subject to the provision on confidentiality in Rule 9 of Annex 4.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. ANN CLAIRE C. CABOCHAN
Director

Bureau of Customs	
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Export Coordination Division	
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