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AOCG Memo No. 009-2015

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS
ALL District Collectors
All Sub-Port Collectors
All Deputy Collectors
All Concerned

DATE : June 5, 2015

SUBJECT : Lack of Updated 2015 List of Specimen Seals and Signatures for Certificates of Origin (Form E) from China under the ASEAN China Free Trade Agreement

It has come to our attention that the People's Republic of China has been issuing Certificates of Origin (Form E) under the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) containing signatures of supposed authorized signatories that have not been officially circulated to the Philippines. Coordination made by this office with the Bureau of international Trade Relations (DTI-BITR) of the Department of Trade and Industry confirms the same. The DTI – BITR and the Bureau of Customs thru this office have already communicated the matter to China and are closely monitoring developments on the same.

However, in order to avoid unnecessary delay and additional burden to our importers claiming preference under the ACFTA using Form Es (bearing new signatories whose specimen signatures are yet to be circulated), you are hereby directed to allow the claims for preference of importers under the afore-mentioned situation following the rule on Tentative Liquidation under *Section 1602 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines*, as amended. Furthermore, all concerned Form Es shall be endorsed to the Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group for the purpose of conducting a verification.

For your guidance.


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Deputy Commissioner, AOCG