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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 154-2022

TO : All District Collectors
All Chiefs, Export Coordination Division or its Equivalent Office
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: SPECIMEN SIGNATURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AJCEP
AGREEMENT

Attached herewith is the letter dated 20 September 2022 from the Deputy Chief of Mission, Mission of Japan to ASEAN notifying the Bureau that Japan will discontinue providing the list of the names and specimen signatures of authorized signers of Certificate of Origin in the hard copy after this notification.

For information and appropriate action.

Please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


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OCT 25 2022
YOGI FILEMON L. RUIZ
Acting Commissioner

Mission of Japan to ASEAN
Ref No.63/MJA/IX/22

20 September 2022

Mr. Le Quang Lan
Director
Market Integration Directorate
ASEAN Economic Community Department
ASEAN Secretariat
(Attn: Ms. Sacundina Retno)



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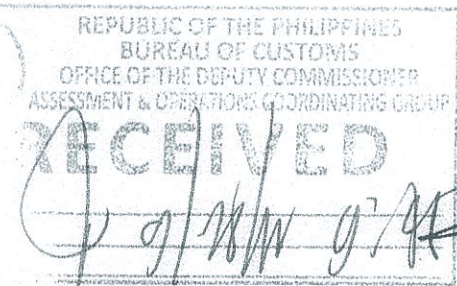


Subject: Specimen Signatures for the implementation of AJCEP Agreement

With respect to Rule 13 (Procedure to exchange the sample of a certificate of origin, specimen signatures and official seals) of ANNEX4 of AJCEP, Japan would like to notify that Japan will discontinue providing the list of the names and specimen signatures of authorized signers of certificate of origin in the hard copy after this notification.

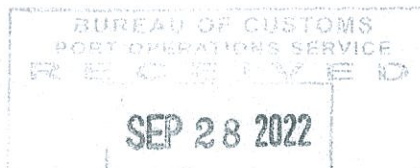
I appreciate your kind assistance in circulating attached the file to the parties concerned.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



Yours sincerely,

KODAMA Yoshinori
Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission
Mission of Japan to ASEAN



- Important Notice -

To ASEAN Member States via ASEAN Secretariat

With respect to Rule 13 (Procedure to exchange the sample of a certificate of origin, specimen signatures and official seals) of ANNEX4 of AJCEP, Japan would like to notify the following:

- Japan will discontinue providing the list of the names and specimen signatures of authorized signers of certificate of origin in the hard copy after this notification.
- The subsequent changes of the signers continue to be informed through ASEAN Secretariat, the information will be provided in the CO Reference System (the System) instead of the hard copies.
- The officers of the customs authority of ASEAN Member States are able to access the System by visiting the following URL (<https://cts.jcci.or.jp/cec/origin.htm>) which has been introduced since 2014.
- 「Signers Reference」 of MAIN MENU of the System provides the names and specimen signatures of authorized signers of certificate of origin by selecting the relevant period where the relevant CO was issued.
- ID and password in order to access the System have been provided through the Embassy of Japan in your country.

Please kindly inform the contact points of the Embassy of Japan in your country if you have any questions on the above notice.

[Relevant rules under AJCEP]

IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

Rule 13 Procedure to exchange the sample of a certificate of origin, specimen signatures and official seals

Each Party is required to provide the other Parties, through the ASEAN Secretariat, with a sample of a CO, specimen signatures and specimen official seals or impressions of stamps of its competent governmental authority or its designees for the issuance of a CO, upon the date of adoption of this Implementing Regulations, as well as, in case of any subsequent modification thereof, thirty (30) days before the modification is made.

Rule 14 Communication

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(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (d) above, for the purposes of verification in accordance with paragraph 1 of Rule 6 of the OCP, the customs authority of an ASEAN Member State may access the EPA CO Reference System provided by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. In case where such verification is undertaken using the EPA CO Reference System, the written determination referred to in paragraph 3 of Rule 8 of the OCP may be communicated using the EPA CO Reference System.