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**OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTS FROM BRUNEI
DARUSSALAM AND NEW ZEALAND UNDER THE TRANS-PACIFIC
STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
(TRANS-PACIFIC SEP)**

The Trans-Pacific SEP will be implemented on 1 May 2006. This circular outlines the procedures for claiming of preferential tariff for goods originating from Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand under Trans-Pacific SEP. The Trans-Pacific SEP for goods originating from Chile will be implemented at a later date. A circular will be issued separately to advise on the implementation date..

Preferential Tariff for Imports

2. With effect from 1 May 2006, preferential tariff will be accorded to goods originating from Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand under Trans-Pacific SEP.

3. Imports of stout/porter, beer including ale, medicated samsu and other samsu (under HS codes 22030010, 22030090, 22089010, 22089020, 22089030 and 22089040) originating from Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand will be zero-rated. However, excise duty on these items will still be applicable at their respective rates.

Procedures for Claiming Preferential Tariff

4. An importer may claim preferential tariff using a declaration or Certificate of Origin issued by the exporter or producer, as the case may be. Specimen copies of the Declaration as to Origin and Certificate of Origin (CO) are attached at Annex A and B respectively, for your reference. If the declaration or CO is available at the time of import of the goods, traders can claim for preferential tariff when declaring the customs permits. However, if the value of

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the consignment does not exceed US\$1,000.00, the requirement for a CO will be waived.

5. If the declaration or CO is not available at the time of import, no preferential treatment will be accorded to the goods. However, if the trader wishes to claim for preferential tariff, he must declare both the import and excise duty rates under 'Duty rate 1' and 'Duty rate 2' fields in the TradeNet declaration and also indicate in the 'Remarks' field the intention to claim for preferential tariff. In this instance, the trader is required to furnish the declaration or CO to Singapore Customs, Documentation Specialists Branch at Level 7, Revenue House, 55 Newton Road Singapore 307987, **within one week** of release of the goods from the Customs Checkpoint for verification.

Procedures for Release of Goods for Local Consumption

6. Traders claiming preferential tariff for **conventional** goods are required to produce the declaration or CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) Permit showing the 'Duty rate 1' field as blank, together with the goods at the checkpoint for clearance. Officers from the Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) will endorse and retain the declaration or CO before releasing the goods at the checkpoints.

7 Traders claiming preferential tariff for **containerized** goods are required to produce the declaration or CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) Permit, together with the goods to the Customs Officer at the place of unstuffing for verification. For goods bonded in a Licensed Warehouse (LW), traders can transmit either the Joint or Pure Inward Permit at preferential rate (ie with 'Duty rate 1' field blank) for release of the goods. For Direct Duty payment, the goods can be released to the importer immediately after unstuffing.

Rules of Origin for Exports to Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand and other Details

8. Information on Rules of Origin for exports to Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand under Trans-Pacific SEP can be found in circular (No 10/2006) dated 26 Apr 2006. Both circulars can be downloaded at <http://www.customs.gov.sg/>.

9 For other details on the Trans-Pacific SEP, please refer to MTI's website at <http://app.fta.gov.sg/asp/fta/ftapage.asp?id=8>

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Enquiries

10. If you need further clarification on the contents of this circular, please call our Customs Call Centre at telephone number 6355-2000.



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DECLARATION AS TO ORIGIN

I [state name and position] being the [producer and exporter][producer][exporter] (insert only that which applies) hereby declare that the goods enumerated on this invoice are originating from [Brunei Darussalam] [New Zealand] (insert only that which applies) in that they comply with the provisions of Article 4.13 of the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement entered into among Brunei Darussalam, Chile, New Zealand and Singapore.

Observations:

Signature _____

Date: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

Issuing Number:

1: Exporter (Name and Address)					
Tax ID No:					
2: Producer (Name and Address)			3: Importer (Name and Address)		
Tax ID No:					
4. Description of Good(s)	5. HS No.	6. Preference Criterion	7. Producer	8. Regional Value Content	9. Country of Origin
10: Certification of Origin I certify that:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The information on this document is true and accurate and I assume the responsibility for providing such representations. I understand that I am liable for any false statements or material omissions made on or in connection with this document. ● I agree to maintain and present upon request, documentation necessary to support this certificate, and to inform, in writing, all persons to whom the certificate was given of any changes that could affect the accuracy or validity of this certificate. ● The goods originated in the territory of the Parties, and comply with the origin requirements specified for those goods in TRANS-PACIFIC STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, and there has been no further production or any other operation outside the territories of the Parties in accordance with Article 4.11 of the Agreement. 					
Authorised Signature			Company Name		
Name (Print or Type)			Title		
Date (DD/MM/YY)			Telephone / Fax /E-mail		

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Article 4.13, for the purposes of obtaining preferential tariff treatment this document must be completed legibly and in full by the exporter or producer and be in the possession of the importer at the time the declaration is made. Please print or type:

Issuing Number: Fill in the serial number of the certificate of origin.

- Field 1: State the full legal name, address (including country) and legal tax identification number of the exporter. The legal tax identification number in Chile is the Unique Tax Number ("Rol Unico Tributario"). The tax identification number is not applicable for Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand and Singapore.
- Field 2: If one producer, state the full legal name, address (including country, telephone number, fax number and email address) and legal tax identification number, as defined in Field 1, of said producer. (Tax ID is not applicable to Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand and Singapore.) If more than one producer is included on the Certificate, state "Various" and attach a list of all producers, including their legal name, address (including country, telephone number, fax number and email address) and legal tax identification number, cross referenced to the good or goods described in Field 4. If you wish this information to be confidential, it is acceptable to state "Available to Customs upon request". If the producer and the exporter are the same, complete field with "SAME". If the producer is unknown, it is acceptable to state "UNKNOWN".
- Field 3: State the full legal name, address (including country) as defined in Field 1, of the importer; if the importer is not known, state "UNKNOWN"; if multiple importers, state "VARIOUS".
- Field 4: Provide a full description of each good. The description should be sufficient to relate it to the invoice description and to the Harmonized System (HS) description of the good.
- Field 5: For each good described in Field 4, identify the HS tariff classification to six digits.
- Field 6: For each good described in Field 4, state which criterion (1 through 3) is applicable. The rules of origin are contained in Chapter 4 and Annex II of the Agreement. NOTE: In order to be entitled to preferential tariff treatment, each good must meet at least one of the criteria below.

Preference Criteria

- A The good is "wholly obtained or produced entirely" in the territory of one or more of the Parties, as referred to in Article 4.1 and 4.2 of the Agreement. NOTE: The purchase of a good in the territory does not necessarily render it "wholly obtained or produced".
- B The good is produced entirely in the territory of one or more of the Parties exclusively from originating materials. All materials used in the production of the good must qualify as "originating" by meeting the rules of Chapter 4 of the Agreement.
- C The good is produced entirely in the territory of one or more of the Parties and satisfies the specific rule of origin set out in Annex II of the Agreement (Specific Rules of Origin) that applies to its tariff classification as referred to in Article 4.2, or the provisions under Article 4.12 of the Agreement. The rule may include a tariff classification change, regional value-content requirement and a combination thereof, or specific process requirement. The good must also satisfy all other applicable requirements of Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) of the Agreement.
- Field 7: For each good described in Field 4, state "YES" if you are the producer of the good. If you are not the producer of the good, state "NO" followed by (1) or (2), depending on whether this certificate was based upon: (1) your knowledge of whether the good qualifies as an originating good; (2) Issued by the producer's written Declaration of Origin, which is completed and signed by the producer and voluntarily provided to the exporter by the producer.
- Field 8: For each good described in Field 4, where the good is subject to a regional value content (RVC) requirement stipulated in the Agreement, indicate the percentage.
- Field 9: Identify the name of the country. ("BN" for all goods originating from Brunei Darussalam, "CL" for all goods originating from Chile, "NZ" for all goods originating from New Zealand, "SG" for all goods originating from Singapore)
- Field 10: This field must be completed, signed and dated by the exporter or producer. The date must be the date the Certificate was completed and signed.

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