

ANNOUNCEMENT



PAPERLESS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE UNDER ACFTA

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT CHINA GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IS PROMOTING PAPERLESS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF GOODS INVOLVING PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS UNDER ACFTA, EFFECTIVE 1ST JANUARY 2018.

WITH REFERENCE TO CHINA CUSTOMS ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 67(2017), IMPORTERS/AGENTS COULD OPT FOR PAPERLESS CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF GOODS INVOLVING PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS. TO USE THIS FACILITY, IMPORTERS WOULD NEED TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY THE ORIGINAL IMPORTATION DOCUMENTS I.E. CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, INVOICE, BILL OF LADING AND CERTIFICATE OF NON-MANIPULATION TO CUSTOMS DURING IMPORT DECLARATION. FOR RECORD KEEPING AND VERIFICATION PURPOSES, IMPORTERS MUST RETAIN ALL THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IN HARDCOPY. HOWEVER, EXISTING PROCEDURE IS APPLICABLE IF THE IMPORTERS/AGENTS OPT TO MAKE IMPORT DECLARATION USING HARDCOPY DOCUMENTS.

THUS, MALAYSIAN EXPORTERS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THE IMPORTERS IN CHINA ON THIS FACILITY PROVIDED BY CHINA CUSTOMS. KINDLY REQUEST THE IMPORTERS TO REFER TO CHINA CUSTOMS' CLEARANCE SECTION/DUTY COLLECTION DIVISION FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

THANK YOU.

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