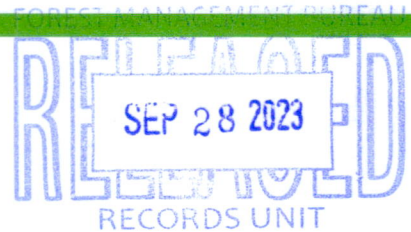




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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The OIC- Assistant Secretary for Field Operations- Western Mindanao, and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS ON THE NOTIFICATION ON CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (HONG KONG)**

DATE : **SEP 27 2023**

This has reference to the Notification from the Department of Trade and Industry-Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS) informing all concerned sectors and stakeholders on the Notification on Certificate of Origin from Hong Kong.

Please be apprised that based on the recently updated Hongkong Import and Export Ordinance (Cap.60) and Export (Certificate of Origin) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. H), a new website ([www.verifyco.tid.gov.hk](http://www.verifyco.tid.gov.hk)) was launched to facilitate the online verification of Certificate of Hong Kong Origin or Certificate of Origin- Processing issued by the Trade and Industry Department and Government Approved Certification Organizations (GACOs). In this regard, all importers and/or exporters are advised to utilize the said website to facilitate the verification of their certificates.

You may access the copy of DTI Notification and Hong Kong import and export-related documents through this link: <https://bit.ly/48n2PCu>.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PLEASE.

  
ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III

## NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED SECTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS

The Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Philippine Standards (DTI-BPS) informs all concerned sectors and stakeholders on the Notification on Certificate of Origin (Hong Kong).

Please be informed that the Trade and Industry Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region issued the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60) Export (Certificate of Origin) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. H). This refers to the issuance of Certificate of Origins (COs) in electronic file format and the introduction of an online verification service. Attached is a copy of the notification, for your information.

Should you have any concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to send us an email at [BPS@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph), copy [BPS.SMD@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS.SMD@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

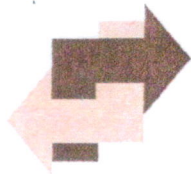


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The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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Our Ref.: TID CL CO/103  
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2 August 2023

Dear Sirs,

**Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60)**  
**Export (Certificates of Origin) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. H)**

**Officers Authorized to Issue Certificates of Origin (CO)**

As a follow up to our letter of 25 March 2022 regarding the issuance of COs in electronic file format and introduction of online verification service, we write to inform you that Trade and Industry Department will discontinue the arrangement to notify changes in officers authorized to issue CO.

2. Importers or parties who wish to verify Certificate of Hong Kong Origin or Certificate of Origin – Processing issued by the Trade and Industry Department and Government Approved Certification Organizations (GACOs)<sup>1</sup> in electronic file format or paper format can make reference to para. 4 – 6 of our last letter dated 25 March 2022 in respect of “Issuance of Certificate in Electronic File Format and Introduction of Online Verification Service”. The letter is attached at **Annex** for easy reference please.

3. This letter supersedes all previous notifications in respect of “Officers Authorized to Issue Certificates of Origin” made under the Export (Certificates of Origin) Regulations (Cap. 60 sub. leg. H), Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60) with immediate effect.

4. For Consulates and Consulates-General, I should be grateful if you would inform your respective authorities of the above information as appropriate.

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<sup>1</sup> The Certificate of Hong Kong Origin and Certificate of Origin – Processing issued by the following GACOs have the same legal status as those issued by the Trade and Industry Department:

- The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce;
- The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong;
- The Federation of Hong Kong Industries;
- The Indian Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong; and
- The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.



5. Should you require any further information on this matter, please contact Miss Jessica FUNG, Assistant Trade Officer of the Factory Registration and Origin Certification Branch at telephone number +852 2398 5155 or email address [jessicafung@tid.gov.hk](mailto:jessicafung@tid.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

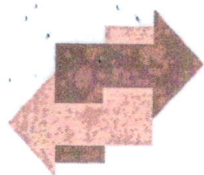


(Ms Winnie SHEH)

for Director-General of Trade and Industry

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Kong Special Administrative Region in  
Beijing  
HK Economic and Trade Offices



Our Ref. : TID CL CO/520

Tel. No. : 2398 5545

25 March 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Certificate of Hong Kong Origin (CHKO) and Certificate of Origin - Processing (COP)**

**Issuance of Certificate in Electronic File Format  
and Introduction of Online Verification Service**

I am writing to inform you of the following new certification arrangements by Trade and Industry Department (TID) and the Government Approved Certification Organizations (GACO)s<sup>1</sup> (hereafter collectively referred to as "Issuing Organizations").

Starting from 1 April 2022, the Issuing Organizations will commence to issue non-preferential Certificate of Hong Kong Origin (CHKO)<sup>2</sup> and Certificate of Origin - Processing (COP) in either paper format or electronic file format at the request of the exporter, and introduce an online verification service for CHKO/COP.

**Issuance of CHKO/COP in Electronic File Format**

After introduction of the new services, exporters may opt for issuance of CHKO/COP in either paper format or electronic file format, the latter of which will be made available as an electronic file in Portable Document Format (PDF).

**Online Verification of CHKO/COP**

A new website ([www.verifyco.tid.gov.hk](http://www.verifyco.tid.gov.hk)) will also be launched to facilitate online verification of CHKO/COP issued by all Issuing Organizations in both paper format and electronic file format.

An internet address and a QR code will be shown in the box at the top right-hand corner of the CHKO/COP. To perform online verification, users can input the internet address to a web browser or scan the QR code, and proceed according to the instructions on the website.

<sup>1</sup> The five GACOs are the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce; the Federation of Hong Kong Industries; the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong; the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong; and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

<sup>2</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, "non-preferential Certificate of Hong Kong Origin (CHKO)" mentioned here refers to the non-preferential CHKO issued to traders to facilitate export of Hong Kong products to external markets, excluding preferential Certificates of Hong Kong Origin namely Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - CEPA (CO(CEPA)), Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - New Zealand (CO(NZ)), Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - Georgia (CO(Georgia)) and Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - Form AHK (CO(Form AHK)).

For a valid certificate, relevant information will be displayed for verification; otherwise, users will be informed that the certificate is invalid and cannot be used. Users can access full details of the certificate by inputting a verification code which is obtainable from the exporter.

### Enquiries

Should you require any further information on this matter, please contact Miss Jessica FUNG of the Factory Registration and Origin Certification Branch at email address <jessicafung@tid.gov.hk> or telephone number (852) 2398 5155.

Yours faithfully,



( Ms Winnie SHEH )  
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