



MALAYSIA-CHINA ELECTRONIC ORIGIN DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM FOR ACFTA AND RCEP TO COMMENCE IN JANUARY 2026; FURTHER STRENGTHENING CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE AND MALAYSIA-CHINA BILATERAL TRADE

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) have agreed to enter into a **Joint Arrangement (JA) on the Electronic Data Exchange of Certificates of Origin (COs)** under the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (**ACFTA**) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (**RCEP**). The agreement is expected to be signed in **November 2025**.

The **first phase of implementation** will involve a **one-way live exchange of electronic data for Form E (ACFTA) and RCEP Certificates of Origin from Malaysia to China**. This data exchange will be conducted through **Malaysia's National Single Window (NSW)**, which will be **linked to China's Electronic Origin Data Exchange System (EODES)**. The implementation is **targeted to commence in January 2026**.

The signing of this JA underscores **both countries' strong commitment to further strengthen Malaysia-China bilateral trade, enhance Malaysia's competitiveness** among China's key trading partners, as well as **improve the efficiency and transparency of the origin verification process**.

This initiative is expected to **reduce document transmission time, expedite the verification of certificate authenticity**, and enhance the **security and confidentiality of Preferential Certificates of Origin**, thereby **minimising the risk of misuse by unauthorised parties**.

The adoption of electronic data exchange will further **streamline trade activities through secure and encrypted information-sharing** between relevant authorities in both countries. This collaboration will also enable both customs administrations to **strengthen customs compliance, enhance enforcement cooperation, improve import duty collection, and ensure the accurate application of tariff rates on traded goods** between Malaysia and China.

The signing of this Joint Arrangement also reflects MITI's continuous efforts to leverage digital technology in enhancing trade facilitation and to support the Government's digitalisation agenda in line with the Madani Economy: Empowering the People aspiration. Through this initiative, **MITI remains committed to strengthening Malaysia's trade competitiveness, facilitating greater market access, and advancing free trade** as a catalyst for inclusive, sustainable, and people-centred economic growth.

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