## ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Valued Customers,

## ISSUANCE OF PAPER-BASED FORM D WITH ELECTRONICALLY AFFIXED SIGNATURE AND SEAL FOR APPLICATIONS OF PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (PCO) UNDER ASEAN TRADE IN GOODS AGREEMENT (ATIGA) TO MYANMAR DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUE IN MYANMAR'S GATEWAY

Please be informed that on 19 November 2021, MITI received notification from the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) informing that currently Myanmar is facing technical difficulties in implementing technical and security upgrades in ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Gateway, **which caused Myanmar could not exchange ATIGA e-Form D** to/or from ASEAN Member State (AMS). As a result, ATIGA Form D transmitted electronically to Myanmar could not be exchanged and will remain at exporting country's gateway.

Therefore, as agreed in the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASW, **the paper-based Form D may be used during system downtime** or when **there are technical issues** which **could not be resolved promptly** or in the ports/points of entry which are still not capable of receiving the ATIGA e-Form D. In this regard, until Myanmar resolves her technical issues, **Malaysia will allow paper-based Form D** issuance to **all ports in Myanmar**.

Please refer below on steps need to be undertaken by Traders/Exporters to print the paper-based Form D:

## Actions need to be undertaken by Trader/Exporter

Scenario 1

If your ATIGA e-Form D has been approved by MITI and your importers are facing difficulties to clear the goods in Myanmar due to this issue, please do the following:

- i. Email **the e-Form D reference number** to the respective PCO MITI Verifier/Checker that approved the application. The officers' email can be referred to <u>http://newepco.dagangnet.com/dnex/login/contact.html</u>;
- ii. MITI officer **will query the e-Form D** in the ePCO system;
- iii. After you received the query, please **resubmit** the application;
- iv. MITI officer will untick the ASW Consent Box and re-approve the application;
- v. After the application re-approved, trader/exporter can **print** the paper-based Form D with electronically affixed signature and seal on the 3-ply form (you may get the form from FMM); and
- vi. Trader/exporter may send the paper-based Form D directly to the importer for customs clearance and no longer need to be physically present at the MITI Service Counter for manual endorsement.

## <u>Scenario 2</u>

If you have yet to apply the Form D, please do the following:

- i. Trader/exporter may submit the application in the ePCO system as usual;
- ii. The ASW Consent box already automatically unticked by the system;
- iii. After the application approved, trader/exporter can **print** the paper-based Form D with electronically affixed signature and seal on the 3-ply form (you may get the form from FMM); and
- iv. Trader/exporter may send the paper-based Form D directly to the importer for customs clearance and no longer need to be physically present at the MITI Service Counter for manual endorsement.

For further assistance kindly email to <u>careline@dagangnet.com</u>. We thank you for your continuous support and cooperation.

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