Mainland and Hong Kong <u>Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)</u>

Frequently Asked Questions – Request for Revisions to CEPA Rules of Origin (ROOs)

- Q1: What are the procedures and requirements for Hong Kong manufacturers to request for revisions to CEPA ROOs? What should the manufacturers take note when submitting the application?
- A: Traders should refer to part related to Application Procedures on CO(CEPA) webpage announcing the arrangements for conducting CEPA Rules of Origin Consultations between the Mainland and Hong Kong and the application procedures. Manufacturers who wish to submit request for revisions to CEPA ROOs are advised to read the relevant circular(s) and the form in detail and provide information of the concerned goods and production details to TID by completing the application form TID 144. The completed application form and all required documents can be submitted electronically via the Department's e-Form Submission Service, or submitted by e-mail (e-mail address: cepaco@tid.gov.hk), by fax (fax number: 2787 6048), or by post (address: Factory Registration and Origin Certification Branch, 14/F, Trade and Industry Tower, 3 Concorde Road, Kowloon City, Hong Kong).
- Q2: Are the manufacturers required to have valid Factory Registration before making the request? For the person signing Part Three (Declaration) of the application form, is it mandatory for he/she to be the authorized signatory under the Factory Registration?
- A: Hong Kong manufacturers without valid Factory Registration may also lodge a request. For manufacturers who have a valid Factory Registration, they should fill in the Factory Registration details in the form.

The signatory of Part Three (Declaration) of the form needs not be the authorized signatory under the Factory Registration, but he/she should either be the proprietor (for sole proprietorship), one of the partners (for partnership), or a director or an authorized officer (for limited company) of the company.

Q3: How can manufacturers obtain the Hong Kong Harmonized System (HKHS) codes and the Mainland tariff codes for the goods covered by their request for revisions to CEPA ROOs?

A: Manufacturers may refer to <u>webpage of the Census and Statistics</u> <u>Department (C&SD)</u> or contact C&SD hotline for checking the HKHS codes. If manufacturers are not familiar with the HKHS codes or are not sure about the HKHS codes for the goods covered by their application, they are encouraged to make use of C&SD's Commodity Code Enquiry Form on the same webpage.

For the Mainland tariff codes, the manufacturers may check with their importers or the Mainland Customs.

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