

Free Trade Agreement Transshipment Facilitation Scheme of Hong Kong Customs extended

Hong Kong Customs today (April 1) extended the Free Trade Agreement Transshipment Facilitation Scheme (FTA Scheme) to cover transshipment cargoes from the Mainland to Singapore via Hong Kong.

The scope of service of the FTA Scheme originally covers cargoes of 67 economies under 19 trade agreements signed between the Mainland and its trading partners that will be transshipped northbound via Hong Kong to the Mainland, and the Mainland transshipment cargoes heading southbound for Taiwan, Korea and Australia under five trade agreements signed. Upon the extension, local traders starting from today can apply to Hong Kong Customs for a Certificate of Non-manipulation for the purpose of claiming preferential tariff under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of South East Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China, the China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement or the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement for cargoes from the Mainland transshipped to Singapore via Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Customs will make continued efforts in extending the coverage of the FTA Scheme to enable more goods passing through Hong Kong to enjoy tariff concessions provided under relevant trade agreements, with a view to reinforcing Hong Kong's status as a logistics hub.

Hong Kong Customs has implemented the FTA Scheme since December 20, 2015, to provide traders with Customs supervision service and issue the Certificate of Non-manipulation to certify transshipment cargoes that have not undergone any further processing during their stay in Hong Kong. For applications, please visit www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/trade-facilitation/fta/procedure/index.html.