Eighth meeting of Legal and Technical Working Groups of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

- Dates and time: 13:00 – 16:00 (Bangkok time), 14 - 16 October 2020
- Venue: Virtual
- Tentative agenda

Wednesday, 14 October 2020

1300-1340 hours Item 1 Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening remarks
(b) Adoption of the agenda
(c) Update on progress made in developing supporting documents for the draft road map\(^1\) for implementation of substantive provisions of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific since the seventh meeting
(d) Review of work items for the current meeting

1340-1600 hours Item 2 Discussion on selected supporting documents

The working groups will review and further develop the following supporting documents and related tools.

1340-1500 (a) Online guide for cross-border paperless trade readiness assessment

1500-1600 (b) Template for designing a national policy framework for paperless trade facilitation

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1300-1600 hours Item 2 Discussion on selected supporting documents (continued)

1300-1340 hours (c) Cross-border paperless trade database

1340-1500 hours (d) Mutual recognition mechanism for trade related data and documents in electronic form

1500-1600 hours (e) Other supporting documents

\(^1\) https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/E_PTA_IISG2018_CRP1E.pdf
The working groups will discuss development of other supporting documents as time allows.

**Friday, 16 October 2020**

1300-1430 hours   Item 3  Report on progress in cross-border paperless trade

Participants will share progress in cross-border paperless trade in their countries, including ratification of /accession to the Framework Agreement.

1430-1530 hours   Item 4  Paperless trade facilitation in times of pandemic

Participants will share their practices and experiences in implementing paperless and other relevant trade facilitation measures in response to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

1530-1600 hours   Item 5  Other matters

(a) Discussion on future work plan, including reporting progress to the Steering Group
(b) Any other business

1600 hours   Item 6  Closing