



REGIONAL FORUM ON APTA PREFERENTIAL TRADE DATA AND ISSUE OF ELECTRONIC APTA CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

*(In collaboration with the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Korea Customs Service, and
Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the ROK)*

22-24 October 2013

Incheon Songdo (G-tower), Republic of Korea

Objectives:

To discuss the practices in the APTA Participating States about their present mechanism of capturing the trade data, especially the preferential trade data and to explore the possibility of cooperation among the concerned agencies for sharing their best practices (Sessions 1-4).

To discuss the issuance of the electronic certificate of origin (CoO) under APTA so as to reduce the transaction cost as well as reducing the paper work and explore the possibility of cooperation among the concerned agencies for sharing their best practices (Sessions 5-7).

To create awareness on ESCAP's work programme on launching of the APTA database concerning the items having tariff concessions, RoO and the NTMs imposed by the Participating States (Sessions 8-9).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

| 22 October 2013 | |
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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00~09:30 | Opening Session: Welcoming Address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yanghoon RYU, Director, Multilateral Customs Cooperation Division, Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Republic of Korea Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP |
| Session 1 09:30~10:30 | APTA: Capturing preferential trade data Chair: Republic of Korea Presentation on "Likely outcome of the 4th Round and the importance of preferential trade data" by Rajan RATNA, Economic Affairs Officer, TID/ UNESCAP and Jing HUANG, Consultant, UNESCAP |
| 10:30~10:45 | <i>Group Photo and Coffee Break</i> |

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| <p>Session 2 10:45~12:00</p> | <p>Presentation on “Procedures followed in capturing the preferential trade data” (The representatives of the APTA Participating States will be making presentation on how they capture the export and import trade data and whether they capture the preferential import data separately or not. If they are not able to capture the preferential import data, what kind of capacity building they require needs to be identified.)</p> <p>Moderator: Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP</p> <p>Presentations by Participating States of APTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Republic of Korea ▪ China ▪ India |
| <p>12:00~13:30</p> | <p><i>Lunch break</i></p> |
| <p>Session 3 13:30~14:45</p> | <p>Presentation on “Procedures followed in capturing the preferential trade data” (continued)</p> <p>Moderator: Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP</p> <p>Presentations by Participating States of APTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bangladesh ▪ Lao PDR ▪ Mongolia ▪ Sri Lanka |
| <p>14:45~15:00</p> | <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p> |
| <p>Session 4 15:00~16:30</p> | <p>Discussions on future work programme on APTA capturing preferential trade data</p> <p>Chair: China</p> |
| <p>23 October 2013</p> | |
| <p>Session 5 09:30~10:30</p> | <p>ESCAP Resolution 68/3 for paperless trade and the issuance of the electronic certificate of origin</p> <p>Chair: India</p> <p>Presenter: Jun Ho SHIN, Expert on Regional Trade and Monetary Cooperation, TID/UNESCAP and Rajan RATNA, Economic Affairs Officer, TID/UNESCAP</p> |
| <p>10:30~10:45</p> | <p><i>Coffee Break</i></p> |

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| Session 6 10:45~12:00 | APTA Participating States' current practices and how to make shift to electronic issuance of CoO Chair: Sri Lanka Presenter: China and ROK Customs (how they issue electronic CoO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoon Joo HWANG, Assistant Director, FTA Management Section #2, Seoul Main Customs ▪ Eun Suk AHN, Manager, Trade Certificate Service Center, Korea Chamber of Commerce ▪ Sung Heun HA (Rama), Director of Global Cooperation, KTNET |
| 12:00~13:30 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| Session 7 13:30~14:30 | APTA Participating States' current practices and how to make shift to electronic issuance of CoO (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presenter: Customs Office of the other APTA Participating States ▪ Discussion among participants from the six APTA Participating States plus Mongolia |
| Session 8 14:30~15:30 | Presentation on APTA NTM and RoO Database Chair: Lao PDR Presenter: Jun Ho SHIN, Expert on Regional Trade and Monetary Cooperation, TID/UNESCAP and Jing HUANG, Consultant, UNESCAP |
| 15:30~15:45 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| Session 9 15.45~16.30 | Discussions on improving the Database and time lines for uploading on ESCAP website Chair: Bangladesh |
| Session 10 16:30~17:00 | Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joong-Wan CHO, Chief, APTA Secretariat, TID/UNESCAP |
| 24 October 2013 | |
| 09:00~16:00 | Field visit to Incheon Main Customs and Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Seoul. 09:00 Departure from Songdo (G-tower, TBC) 11:00-12:00 Field visit to KCCI in Seoul 12:00-13:00 Lunch hosted by KCCI 14:30-15:30 Field visit to Incheon Main Customs 16:00 Arrival at Songdo G-Tower <i>* The schedule may change subject to traffic conditions in Seoul and Incheon.</i> |
