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## TRADE DEPARTMENT CIRCULARS

### Free Trade Agreement and Investment Agreement between Hong Kong and ASEAN enter into force for Brunei Darussalam

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A Government spokesman said that the part relating to Brunei Darussalam under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the Investment Agreement (IA) between Hong Kong and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will enter into force on October 20.

On trade in goods under the FTA, Brunei Darussalam will progressively reduce and eliminate customs duties on goods originating from Hong Kong. The tariff commitments made by Brunei Darussalam cover different kinds of Hong Kong commodities, including jewellery, articles of apparel and clothing accessories, watches and clocks as well as toys, etc. To enjoy the preferential tariff treatment for exporting Hong Kong goods to Brunei Darussalam under the FTA, Hong Kong traders have to comply with the relevant preferential rules of origin and fulfil the related requirements, and to apply for certificates of origin from the Trade and Industry Department (TID) or Government Approved Certification Organizations to cover the goods concerned. For details, please refer to the relevant trade circulars issued by the TID at [www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/coc/2020/coc2020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/coc/2020/coc2020.html).

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On trade in services, Hong Kong service providers will enjoy better business opportunities and legal certainty in market access for an extensive range of services sectors in Brunei Darussalam under the FTA. These include services sectors in which Hong Kong has traditional strengths or has potential for development, including business services, telecommunications services, construction and related engineering services, educational services, tourism and travel related services and transport services.

Under the IA, Brunei Darussalam will provide Hong Kong enterprises investing in its area with fair and equitable treatment of their investments and physical protection and security of their investments, as well as the assurance of the free transfer of their investments and returns. In case of expropriation or investment loss owing to war, armed conflict or a similar event, Brunei Darussalam will also provide compensation to Hong Kong enterprises investing in its area according to the agreed standard as specified under the IA.

With the entry into force for the part relating to Brunei Darussalam, the FTA and the IA for a total of nine ASEAN member states (viz Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) will have come into effect. The date of entry into force for the remaining ASEAN member state (viz Cambodia) will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

For the texts and the key features of the FTA and the IA, please refer to the website of the TID at [www.tid.gov.hk/english/ita/fta/hkasean/index.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/ita/fta/hkasean/index.html).

### **Commercial Information Circulars**

Commercial Information Circular No. 724/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

The Mainland of China : Notice Concerning Certain Issues Related to Imported Medical Device Products Produced by Enterprises in the Mainland of China

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2020/ci7242020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 723/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

The Mainland of China : "Regulations of the China (Guangxi) Pilot Free Trade Zone"

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2020/ci7232020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 722/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

Exporting Goods Originating in Hong Kong to ASEAN - Parts relating to Hong Kong and Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam under the AHKFTA enter into force

[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as132020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as132020.html)

Commercial Information Circular No. 721/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

Australia : Reform of "Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Systems of National Significance" Framework

[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as122020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as122020.html)

Commercial Information Circular No. 720/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

Brazil : Renewal of Anti-dumping Duty Order on Certain Safety Glass Originating in the Mainland of China

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/americas/2020/ci7202020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 719/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

Brazil : Renewal of Anti-dumping Duty Order on Certain Sodium Acid Pyrophosphate Originating in the Mainland of China

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/americas/2020/ci7192020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 718/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

European Union (EU)\* : Initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of optical fibre cables originating in the Mainland of China

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/eu/2020/ci7182020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 717/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

The Mainland of China : Notice Concerning Adjusting Inspection and Supervision Methods for Imported Crude Oil

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2020/ci7172020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 713/2020 Date : 24.09.2020

Argentina : Initiation of Anti-dumping Investigation against Granular Expansible Polystyrene Originating in the Mainland of China

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/americas/2020/ci7132020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 712/2020 Date : 23.09.2020

The Mainland of China : Decision of the State Council on Cancelling and Delegating a Batch of Administrative Approvals Items

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2020/ci7122020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 710/2020 Date : 21.09.2020

US : Section 301 Tariffs on Mainland Products Worth US\$16 billion - Extension of Certain Second Batch Product Exclusions from 25% Tariffs until 31 December 2020 (updated on 23 September 2020)

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/americas/2020/ci7102020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 709/2020 Date : 21.09.2020

US : Section 301 Tariffs on Mainland Products Worth US\$34 billion - Extension of Certain Seventh Batch Product Exclusions from 25% Tariffs until 31 December 2020 (updated on 23 September 2020)

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/americas/2020/ci7092020.html>

Commercial Information Circular No. 711/2020 Date : 22.09.2020

The Mainland of China : Shenzhen's "Measures on Subsidies for Enterprise Employees' Job Training"

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2020/ci7112020.html>

### **Textiles Trader Registration Circulars**

Textiles Trader Registration Circular No. 12/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

Australia : Reform of "Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Systems of National Significance" Framework

[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as122020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as122020.html)

Textiles Trader Registration Circular No. 11/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

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[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as132020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as132020.html)

### **Certificate of Origin Circulars**

Certificate of Origin Circular No. 5/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

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[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as132020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as132020.html)

### **Certificate of Preference Circulars**

Certificate of Preference Circular No. 4/2020 Date : 28.09.2020

ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

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[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all\\_in\\_one/2020/as132020.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/all_in_one/2020/as132020.html)

### **Notice to Exporters**

Notice to Exporters Date : 28.09.2020

Series 1 (USA) No. 4/2020

Series 2 (EU) No. 6/2020

Series 3 (Countries other than USA & EU) No. 4/2020

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### **Certification**

ASEAN - Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)

--Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - Form AHK

[http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/import\\_export/cert/co\\_form\\_AHK.html](http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/import_export/cert/co_form_AHK.html)



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