

Cross Border Regulatory Data Exchange – Sharing of origin certificates electronically with China



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Electronic Origin Data Exchange System (EODES)

- Is a Key Feature of the Upgraded China-Singapore Free Trade Agreement which was signed on 12 Nov 2018
- Is contained in a Memorandum Of Understanding signed between Singapore Customs and General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) on 29 Apr 2019
- Covers the electronic exchange of Preferential Certificates of Origin (PCOs) and the Certificates of Non-Manipulation (CNMs)
- Was developed with an aim to create an end-to-end digital connectivity which gives greater certainty to businesses
- Was implemented on 1 Nov 2019 and has achieved 100% adoption, i.e. cessation of issuance and usage of hard copy



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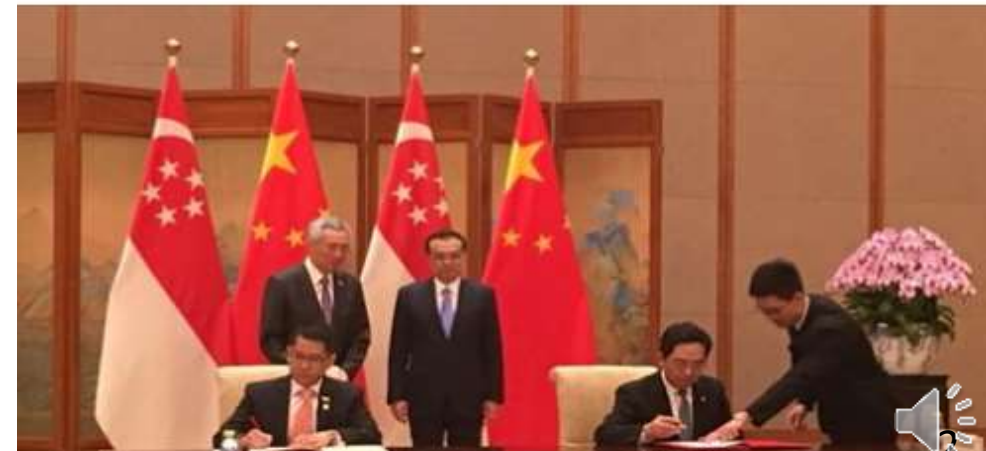
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Singapore Customs has signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

The MOUs were signed by Singapore's Ambassador to China, Mr Stanley Loh, and China's Ambassador to Singapore, Mr Hong Xiaoyong. The signing was witnessed by Singapore's Prime Minister (PM), Mr Lee Hsien Loong, and Chinese Premier, Mr Li Keqiang, during a ceremony on 29 April 2019, as part of PM Lee's visit to Beijing, China.

The first MOU on the implementation of an Electronic Origin Data Exchange System provides a formal framework for the electronic exchange of Preferential Certificate of Origins and Certificate of Non-Manipulation under preferential trade arrangements. Companies will be able to enjoy savings in costs and time as the system eliminates the need for hardcopy Certificate of Origin to be despatched overseas. This will also result in a more effective and efficient transfer of information to improve trade facilitation and compliance.

The second MOU on Customs Enforcement Cooperation allows both customs administrations to share observations and findings resulting from the successful application of new customs enforcement equipment and techniques that may help improve their enforcement capabilities. Under the MOU, both sides may exchange information and render assistance to each other in the investigation and handling of customs offences.



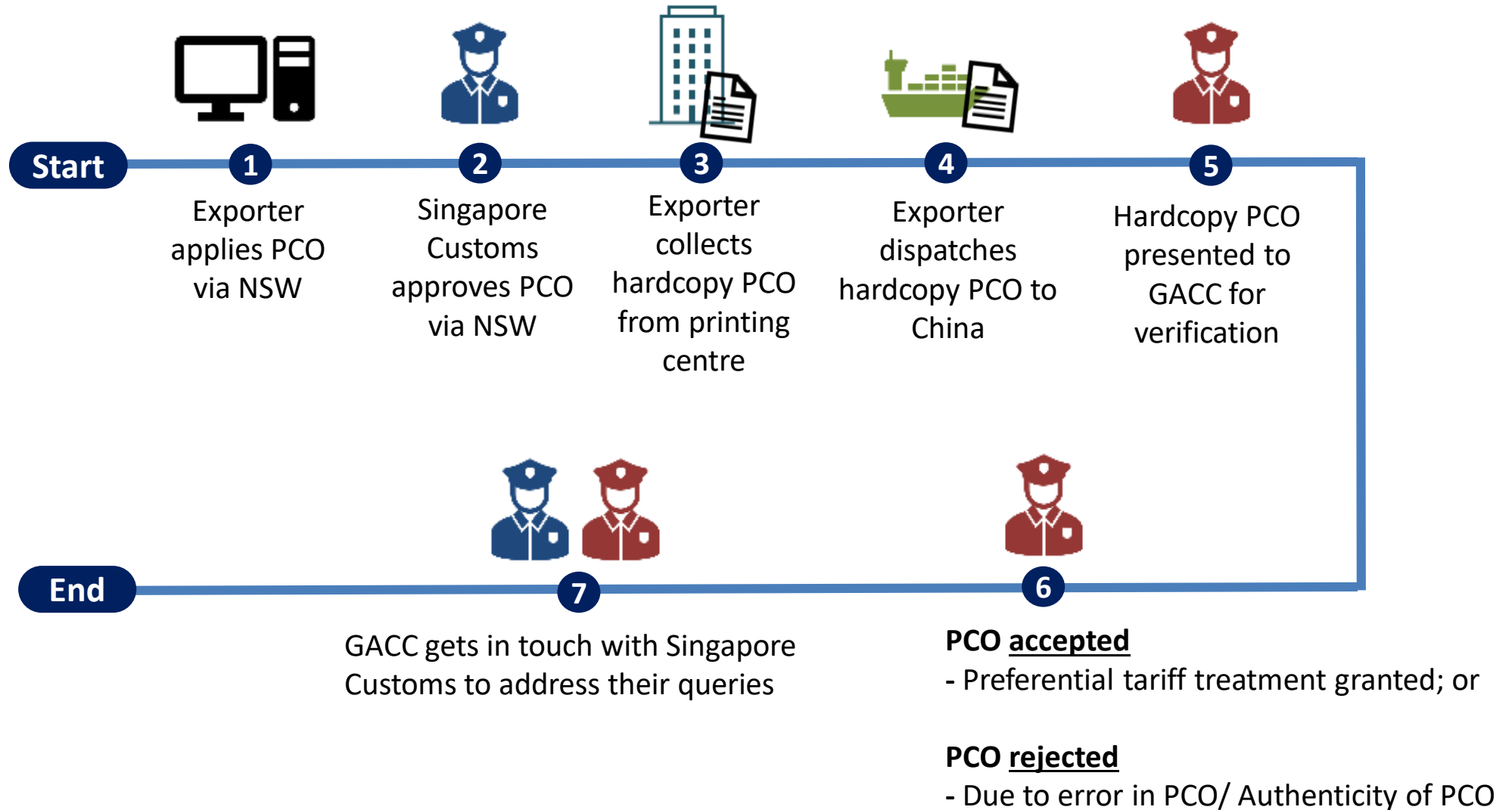
Preferential COs (PCOs) in Singapore's Context

- Singapore Customs is the only issuing authority for PCOs
- PCOs are conventionally paper-based
- Challenges faced by exporters:
 - Authenticity of PCOs questioned by importing Customs
 - Rejection of PCOs by importing Customs due to avoidable human slip-ups
 - e.g. Absence of exporter's signature
 - e.g. Damaged or missing pages
- EODES can be the solution to the above challenges

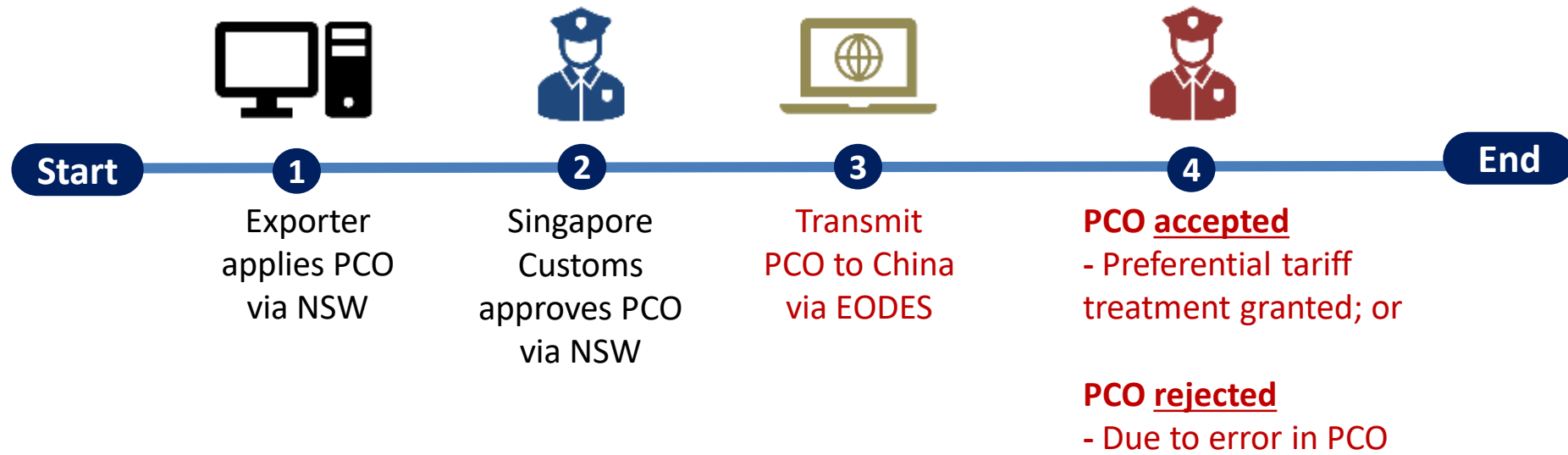
1. Goods consigned from (Exporter's business name, address, country)		Reference No. CHINA-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AREA PREFERENTIAL TARIFF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (Combined Declaration and Certificate) Issued in _____ (Country) See Notes Overleaf			
2. Goods consigned to (Consignee's name, address, country)					
3. Means of transport and route (as far as known) Departure date Vessel's name/Aircraft etc. Port of Discharge		4. For Official Use <input type="checkbox"/> Preferential Treatment Given Under CHINA-SINGAPORE Free Trade Area Preferential Tariff <input type="checkbox"/> Preferential Treatment Not Given (Please state reason/s) Signature of Authorised Signatory of the Importing Country			
5. Item number	6. Marks and numbers on packages	7. Number and type of packages, description of goods (including quantity where appropriate and HS number of the importing country)	8. Origin criterion (see Notes overleaf)	9. Gross weight or other quantity and value (FOB)	10. Number and date of invoices
11. Declaration by the exporter The undersigned hereby declares that the above details and statement are correct; that all the goods were produced in _____ (Country) and that they comply with the origin requirements specified for these goods in the China-Singapore Free Trade Area Preferential Tariff for the goods exported to _____ (Importing Country) Place and date, signature of authorised signatory			12. Certification It is hereby certified, on the basis of control carried out, that the declaration by the exporter is correct. Place and date, signature and stamp of certifying authority		



Claiming of Preferential Tariff Treatment: Pre-EODES



Claiming of Preferential Tariff Treatment: **Post-EODES**



Impact and Value of the EODES

Global Level

1) Strengthens Bilateral Relations and Position in International Trade

- Fosters closer cooperation and trade relations
- Strengthens Singapore's proposition as the regional digital connectivity hub
 - First in ASEAN and second in Asia to transmit PCOs to GACC electronically

2) Confidence in Authenticity of PCOs

- Improves transparency with the exchange of data on encrypted platforms

3) Adoption of Environmentally Friendly Practices

- Reduces paper consumption with the elimination of hardcopy PCO
- Lowers carbon footprint as collection and dispatchment of hardcopy PCO to China no longer required



Impact and Value of the EODES

National Level

1) Supports the Nation's Drive towards Digitalisation

- Digitalisation of the preferential tariff treatment claiming process
 - A fully digitalised process from application to Singapore Customs till presentation of the PCO to GACC
- Eliminates avoidable human slip-ups
 - No misplaced, damaged or incomplete PCOs

2) Time Savings for Government Agencies

- Greater ease of obtaining statistics for monitoring and tracking purposes
- Supports statistics-based formulation of trade policies



Impact and Value of the EODES

Business Level

1) Reduces Business Cost

- Handling and transportation cost associated with paper documentation
- Record keeping cost as EODES serves as a fully-digitised recordkeeping system of Preferential Certificate of Origin (PCO)

2) Creates Competitive Advantage for Businesses

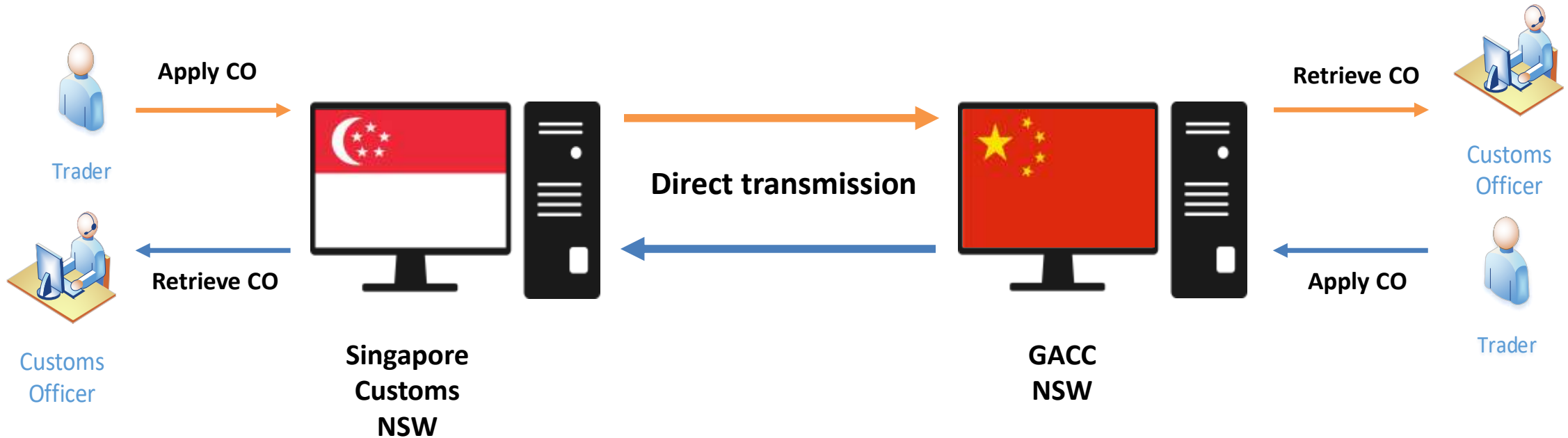
- Shortens goods imported time-to-market possibly through faster Customs clearance
- Increases exports' competitiveness in China due to seamless dataflow

3) Greater Certainty for Businesses

- Transmission of PCOs to GACC was uninterrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic



Transmission of PCO via EODES



Thank you

