# Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement Agreement on Trade in Goods

### **Application for requesting revisions to rules of origin of goods**

- 1. The Agreement on Trade in Goods (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") of the Mainland and Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) was signed between the Mainland and Macao on 12 December 2018 and has b
- 2. een implemented since 1 January 2019. According to the Agreement, a good will qualify as originating from Macao if it meets one of the following provisions:
  - 1) the good is wholly obtained or produced in Macao;
  - 2) the good is produced in Macao exclusively from originating materials;
  - 3) the good is produced using non-originating materials in Macao, as well as:
    - (1) the good falls within the scope of the Annex of the Agreement (Product Specific Rules of Origin) (details can be found in the Economic and Technological Development Bureau (DSEDT)'s webpage at: <a href="https://www.dsedt.gov.mo/public/data/cepa/tig/attach/005b2d0f88710/7a3f3e22af58f0651c903da30fa/en/Rules\_en.pdf">https://www.dsedt.gov.mo/public/data/cepa/tig/attach/005b2d0f88710/7a3f3e22af58f0651c903da30fa/en/Rules\_en.pdf</a>), and complies with the corresponding change in tariff classification, regional value content (RVC), manufacturing or processing operations or other requirements;
    - (2) the good does not fall within the scope of the Annex of the Agreement (Product Specific Rules of Origin), but complies with the requirement that the RVC is greater than or equal to 30% when calculated by the build-up method, or the RVC is greater than or equal to 40% when calculated by the build-down method.

3. Under the Agreement, a mechanism for consultations on revising the CEPA rule of origin has been established. If Macao manufacturers need to request revisions to the CEPA rule of origin, they can submit to the DSEDT for revisions to ROOs according to their needs. The detailed implementation arrangements are as follows:

#### In 2019:

- (1) Macao manufacturers submit the requests for revisions (request form available for download at the DSEDT website) prior to 1 July, 1 September and 1 November respectively to the DSEDT, which will submit the certified requests to revision to the Mainland.
- (2) Upon the completion of the consultations, the two sides will include the revised CEPA rule of origin in the Annex of the Agreement (Product Specific Rules of Origin), and promulgate them.
- (3) The revised CEPA rule of origin shall be implemented no later than 1 October and 1 December this year and 1 February 2020 respectively.

#### In 2020 and onwards:

- (1) Macao manufacturers submit the requests for revisions (request form available for download at the DSEDT website) prior to 1 March and 1 September respectively to the DSEDT, which will submit the certified requests to revision to the Mainland.
- (2) Upon the completion of the consultations, the two sides will include the revised CEPA rule of origin in the Annex of the Agreement (Product Specific Rules of Origin), and promulgate them.
- (3) The revised CEPA rule of origin shall be implemented no later than 1 July of the year in which the requests are submitted and 1 January of the following year respectively.

## 4. Consultation services and submission of request form

You may consult with and submit the request form to the DSEDT's Foreign Trade Division. Address: Rua Dr. Pedro José Lobo, 1-3, Luso International Bank Building, 2/F, Macao. Telephone: (853) 85972328/85972342. Fax: (853) 28715633. E-mail: dcecodce@dsedt.gov.mo.