

Customs, Trade Facilitation and Rules of Origin in the EU–Singapore Free Trade Agreement

Webinar

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10am - 12pm CET

#EUSFTA

The entry into force of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) on 21 November 2019 offers **significant business opportunities** for both EU and Singapore companies and traders. In order to tap into the benefits of the EUSFTA, it is key for business operators to have a proper **understanding of the provisions of this comprehensive trade agreement**. While ensuring effective customs controls, the EUSFTA aims at promoting trade facilitation and at providing preferential market access for goods originating in the EU and Singapore to each other's markets.

This **webinar** will explore how the EUSFTA provisions on **customs, trade facilitation and rules of origin** help to ensure that goods produced in the EU and Singapore enjoy facilitated market access. The webinar will also touch upon how the various **trade facilitation initiatives**, implemented by the EU and Singapore authorities at bilateral and multilateral level, aim at strengthening regional and international supply chains.

Singapore time	Agenda
4.00 – 4.10 pm	<p>Welcome Address</p> <p>H.E. Barbara PLINKERT, European Union Ambassador to Singapore</p>
4.10 – 5.00 pm	<p>1. Utilising the Rules of Origin under the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) and beyond: benefits and challenges for businesses</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Mr Christophe FONTAINE, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) and Ms Marianna MOLNAR, Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE), European Commission » Presentation by Mr Gregory LEONG, Deputy Head Tariffs & Trade Services, Singapore Customs <p>The industry's perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Speaker: Frank DEBETS, Managing Partner, Customs and International Trade, PwC Singapore <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Types of rules of origin under the EUSFTA » Examples of benefits arising from the EUSFTA, including ASEAN cumulation » Consequences of direct transport provision and limitation on types of

	<p>allowed operations and their impacts on regional supply chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Information platforms on Rules of Origin (EU's Access2Markets portal)
5.00 – 5.25 pm	<p>2. How Trade Facilitation, Customs provisions in the EUSFTA can help business?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Mr Lilian BERTIN, DG TAXUD, European Commission » Presentation by Ms TEO Angie, Head International Relations, Singapore Customs <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Overview of customs and trade facilitation elements of the EUSFTA » Practical impact of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement on EU-Singapore and regional trade
5.25 – 5.50 pm	<p>3. Concept of Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) and how it facilitates bilateral trade</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Mr Marcel NEGGERS, DG TAXUD, European Commission » Presentation by Mr TAN Ming Hoe, Assistant Head Trade Strategy & Security, Singapore Customs <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Explanation concerning the origin of the AEO in the WCO Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade » AEO programmes in the EU and Singapore » Practical consequences for traders and planned steps to facilitating trade under the EUSFTA
5.50 – 6.00 pm	<p>Conclusions & Takeaways</p> <p>Ms Justyna LASIK, Head of Economic and Trade Section, EU Delegation to Singapore</p>

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