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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be advised that ChAFTA (China – Australia Free Trade Agreement) will enter into force on 20 December 2015.

ChAFTA sets Australian import tariffs at zero on 82 per cent of China's exports to Australia from day one, rising to 100 per cent by 1 January 2019. After that, remaining (further) tariff cuts will take place on 1 January every subsequent year.

Information of which duty tariff will be affected will be provided on 20th December 2015.

Please find attached "Guide To Use CHAFTA for Export and Import Goods" for the further information.

ChAFTA Certificate

To claim the preferential duty of tariff, a ChAFTA certificate is required by a shipper or manufacturer and must be applied for the below authorities.

Sample formats are in the attached Guide.

-General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)

-The China Council for the Promotion of International Trade.

A ChAFTA Certificate of Origin (COO) applies to a single shipment, it may cover one or more goods but must not exceed 20 items and is valid for one year.

Australian Customs will accept a COO issued before entry into force for goods en route and, if required, such goods may claim a refund of duty paid if a COO was not available at the time of importation.

Alternatively, an exporter or producer may choose to complete a Declaration of Origin (DOO). A DOO may be accepted in place of a COO for goods covered by an advance ruling on origin. Please see the guide for the further information or contact us.



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Goods arriving on / after 20th December 2015 can be entered and duty paid if no FTA certificate is supplied. Alternatively lodgement will be delayed to take full advantage of duty rate cut.

Importers have 6 months to obtain a certificate of origin to process duty refunds for goods entered and paid.

ChAFTA will have significant impact on exporters and importers by reducing tariff duty rates, please take time to read the information guide provided.

Pls contact us to obtain more information whether this is suitable for your business

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Chiho Herriott'.

Chiho Herriott
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