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Manufacturers and Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

TRANSITION TO FULL ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF ORDINARY CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (OCO) APPLICATIONS BY 1 AUGUST 2026

Singapore Customs and the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), in consultation with our five Authorised Organisations (AOs) - Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, Singapore Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Singapore Manufacturing Federation, will be transitioning the AOs to accepting only electronic submission of Ordinary Certificate of Origin (OCO) applications by manufacturers and traders.

2 **Effective 1 August 2026**, all OCO¹ applications must be submitted electronically through the AOs' digital platforms. Manual submissions will no longer be accepted by the AOs after this date.

3 This move aligns with Singapore's broader digital transformation objectives and is intended to enhance the OCO process for manufacturers and traders and improve efficiency. With electronic submission, manufacturers and traders will be able to conveniently apply for OCOs at any time and monitor the status of their applications, while the AOs will benefit from automated processes and improved record-keeping capabilities.

4 Manufacturers and traders are encouraged to familiarise themselves with their AOs' electronic OCO application procedures. This could include making arrangements to onboard and test the electronic submission process ahead of the implementation date to ensure a smooth transition. Do contact your AOs for training or any technical support if required.

5 Singapore Customs, MTI and the 5 AOs remain committed to supporting our manufacturers and traders throughout to ensure a seamless transition. For guidance on procedures, requirements, and specific guidance on the respective electronic systems, please contact your AO directly. For general enquiries, you may reach Singapore Customs

¹ This includes both Ordinary Certificate of Origin (OCO) and Certificate of Processing.



at customs_roo@customs.gov.sg. We appreciate your cooperation in this important step towards Singapore's digital trade future.

Yours faithfully

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We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_roo@customs.gov.sg.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: Will there be a grace period provided for manual submissions after 1 August 2026?

A1: No, there will be no grace period after the 1 August 2026 implementation date. All Ordinary Certificate of Origin (OCO) applications must be submitted electronically through your chosen Authorised Organisation's (AO's) systems from 1 August 2026 onwards. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with electronic OCO application procedures ahead of the implementation date.

Q2: What happens to my pending manual OCO applications submitted before 1 August 2026?

A2: Any manual OCO applications submitted before 1 August 2026 will continue to be processed by the AOs.

Q3: Which AO should I approach for electronic OCO applications?

A3: You can approach any of the five AOs, as all five AOs already have existing electronic OCO systems in place.

Q4: What if I encounter technical difficulties with the electronic system?

A4: If you experience any technical issues, please contact your respective AO directly.

Q5: Are there any additional costs associated with electronic OCO applications?

A5: Please check directly with your respective AO regarding any fees associated with electronic OCO applications, as the fee structures may vary between different AOs.

Q6: How can I prepare for this transition?

A6: We encourage you to familiarise yourself with your respective AO's electronic OCO application procedures before 1 August 2026. Please contact your AO early should you require any training or guidance on their electronic system.

Q7: How can I obtain the OCO if I have submitted my OCO application electronically?

A7: Once your OCO application has been approved, please check with your respective AO on the steps to obtain your OCO, as each AO may have its own prescribed procedures in place.