

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of the Participating Member States of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the Pilot Project for the Implementation of a Regional Self-Certification System was signed at Da Nang, Viet Nam on 24 August 2010,

AND WHEREAS the said Memorandum of Understanding has been signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore on Da Nang, Viet Nam,

AND WHEREAS the Article 8, paragraph 2 of the said Memorandum of Understanding states that the said Memorandum of Understanding is subject to ratification or acceptance by all Participating Member States,

NOW THEREFORE I, George Yong-Boon Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, declare that the Government of the Republic of Singapore, having considered the above mentioned Memorandum of Understanding, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of ratification at Singapore on 11 October 2010.

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Note No. PR/ASEAN/013/2017

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Governments of the Participating Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the Pilot Project for the Implementation of a Regional Self-Certification System signed on 30 August 2010 in Da Nang, Vietnam (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN further has the honour to note that the MOU came into force on 1 November 2010 and that Articles 8(4) and (5) of the MOU provide:

- "4. This MOU shall remain in force for a period of 1 year, unless terminated earlier by agreement of all Participating Member States. The expiry or termination of this MOU shall not prejudice the rights and obligations of all Participating Member States established under this MOU before or up to the effective date of such expiry or termination except by agreement of all Participating Member States.
- 5. This MOU may be extended beyond its period of validity, as stipulated in paragraph 4 of this Article, with the agreement of all Participating Member States."

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THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT LEGAL SERVICES AND AGREEMENTS DIRECTORATE Pursuant to the said Article 8(5) of the MOU, the Government of the Republic of Singapore hereby notifies the Secretary-General of ASEAN, as depository of the MOU and, by copy of this Note, the other Participating Member States, that Singapore agrees to extend the MOU beyond its initial period of validity, until the full implementation of the ASEAN-wide Self-Certification Scheme, as agreed by the 30th Meeting of the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council of Ministers, held on 3 August 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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1 February 2017

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