



PTJKT 41/2020

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the earlier Notes Verbale dated 21 August 2020 numbered PTJKT 37/2020; PTJKT 38/2020; PTJKT 39/2020 and PTJKT 40/2020; regarding the notification/deposit of Instruments of Ratification for the First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement; First Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan; ASEAN – Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement; and the Agreement on Investment Among the Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN has further the honour to inform that the date for each of the Instruments of Ratification for the abovementioned agreements is 21 August 2020.

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the "First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement" signed on 29 August 2018.

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to ASEAN has further the honour to notify the ASEAN Secretariat that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Article 2 of the Protocol, the Government of Brunei Darussalam has completed the internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Protocol. The Instrument of Ratification is enclosed with this Note.

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BISMILLAAHIR RAHMAANIR RAHEEM

**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
THE FIRST PROTOCOL TO AMEND
THE ASEAN TRADE IN GOODS AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol") was signed on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam at Singapore on 29th August, 2018;

AND WHEREAS Article 2 of the Protocol provides that each Member State shall, upon the completion of its internal procedures, to notify the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

NOW THEREFORE I, SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH MU'IZZADDIN WADDAULAH, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, declare that the Government of Brunei Darussalam, having considered the Protocol, hereby 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 and affixed hereunto my official seal.

DONE at BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei Darussalam on this 21st day of August 2020.



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**SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH
OF BRUNEI**