Eighth meeting of Legal and Technical Working Groups of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

❖ Dates and time: 13:00 – 16:00 (Bangkok time), 14 - 16 October 2020¹
❖ Venue: Virtual
❖ Tentative agenda

Wednesday, 14 October 2020

1300-1340 hours  Item 1  Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening remarks
(b) Adoption of the agenda
(c) Update on progress made in developing supporting documents for the draft road map² for implementation of substantive provisions of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific since the seventh meeting
(d) Review of work items for the current meeting

1340-1600 hours  Item 2  Discussion on selected supporting documents

The working groups will review and further develop the following supporting documents and related tools.

1340-1430  (a) Online guide for cross-border paperless trade readiness assessment

1430-1600  (b) Mutual recognition mechanism for trade related data and documents in electronic form

Thursday, 15 October 2020

1400-1600 hours  Item 2  Discussion on selected supporting documents (continued)

1400-1440 hours  (c) Cross-border paperless trade database

1340-1500 hours  (d) Template for designing a national policy framework for paperless trade facilitation

1500-1600 hours  (e) Other supporting documents

¹ The meeting will be held at 14:00 – 16:00 (Bangkok time) on 15 October 2020
The working groups will discuss development of other supporting documents as time allows.

Friday, 16 October 2020

1300-1430 hours  Item 3  Report on progress in cross-border paperless trade

Participants will share progress in cross-border paperless trade in their countries, including ratification of /accession to the Framework Agreement.

1430-1530 hours  Item 4  Paperless trade facilitation in times of pandemic

Participants will share their practices and experiences in implementing paperless and other relevant trade facilitation measures in response to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

1530-1600 hours  Item 5  Other matters
(a) Discussion on future work plan, including reporting progress to the Steering Group
(b) Any other business

1600 hours  Item 6  Closing