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Subject CCIQ 's submission on PACER Plus [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Michael,

Please find below CCIQ's submission on PACER Plus.

These are our recommendations in relation to rules of origin , temporary exports and Australian honey exports:

1. Rules of Origin. Certificates of Origin.

If DFAT considers preferential Certificates of Origin, the Certificate of Origin template to be designed with the assistance of ACCI, the document to be processed by ACCI and the representative State Chambers of Commerce. ACCI and the representative State Chambers of Commerce, has strict procedures in place assuring that the exporters comply with the rules of origin. The importance of the document should not allow the Certificate of Origin to be issued by the exporter without further checking and certification by the State Chamber. For example, with the Australia - Chile FTA Certificate of Origin (refer to Attachment A), there is no checking procedures in place of the correctness of the information. Without further checking whether the information is correct, the exporters can claim Australian origin for goods which are not or partially from Australian origin. This could result in rejection of the Certificate of Origin from the customs authorities from the PACER Plus countries.

2. Temporary exports. ATA Carnet System.

In order to promote the trade from PACER Plus countries it is advisable these countries to consider becoming participants in the ATA Carnet System in order to avoid customs duties and taxes on temporary exports such as samples for trade shows, filming equipment , professional equipment used for trade shows and exhibition, laptops, industrial machinery, gems and jewellery, racing cars and yachts, musical and theatrical equipment and costumes. In order to promote PACER Plus countries their tourism and other industries, Australian businesses should be able to access these markets without paying customs duties on temporary exports. Refer to attachment for ATA Carnet participants.

3. Australian honey exports banned in Fiji.

CCIQ has been advised by Queensland's honey producers that they can not export Australian honey to Fiji as Fiji has banned the import of Australian honey on quarantine grounds. On behalf of Queensland's honey producers, please address this issue in the negotiations with Fiji.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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