Facilitating Trade in ASEAN through Self-certification of Origin

Problem Statement

DIFFICULTY OBTAINING NECESSARY PAPERWORK
(traders do not always enjoy lower tariff rates due to difficulty obtaining paperwork to avail ATIGA preferential tariff rates)

FAILING TO OBTAIN LOWER TARIFF INCREASES COST
(inability to avail ATIGA preferential tariff rates means more expensive goods and lower intra-ASEAN trade/regional growth)

Objectives

FACILITATING INTRA-ASEAN TRADE
( shipments not held back by the administrative burden of obtaining a Certificate of Origin)

TIME AND COST SAVINGS

1. Maximize efficiency of government limited resource
2. Reduce business costs - no submission of manufacturing statements

ASEAN Solution

ASEAN signed the First Protocol to Amend the ATIGA to Implement the ASEAN-wide Self-Certification (AWSC) Scheme

AWSC will allow certified exporters to declare the origin status of their goods themselves on permitted commercial documents to claim preferential tariff treatment under the ATIGA

ASEAN-USAID IGNITE has been supporting the automation of the self-certification system