



JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ASEAN-CHINA CUSTOMS CONSULTATION

Phnom Penh, Cambodia
3 June 2026

1. The 24th ASEAN-China Customs Consultation was held on 3 June 2026, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Consultation was co-chaired by H.E. Azizil Hakim Brahim, Acting Controller of Royal Customs and Excise Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Brunei Darussalam, and H.E. Sun Meijun, Minister of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), and was attended by all ASEAN Member States (AMS) Customs, the GACC, and the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. We expressed concern over the continued tensions in the Middle East and their impact on international trade and global supply chains. The escalating conflict heightened volatility in global energy markets, disrupted trade flows, and created uncertainty for businesses due to higher logistics costs and rising prices of energy and other essential goods. We reaffirmed our commitment to upholding multilateral trading system and enhancing supply chain resilience to absorb the impact of external shocks together, strengthening coordinated procedures to mitigate risks, and supporting the continuity of private sector operations.
3. We welcomed the signing of the Protocol to Further Upgrade the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation and Certain Agreements Thereunder between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China (ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA 3.0) Upgrade Protocol). We acknowledged the strategic value of the upgrades to the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Chapter within the ACFTA 3.0, which will further strengthen economic cooperation, and facilitate trade through deeper cooperation and more resilient supply chains. We agreed to diligently implement the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Chapter of the Protocol to ensure smoother, safer and more efficient trade between ASEAN and China.
4. We agreed to regularly discuss developments of the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor under the Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC) – China Customs Consultation. We will conduct consultations on issues of mutual concern, including rail-sea combined transport, international railway intermodal transport, cross-border road transport, and transit and transshipment in international combined transport, with a view to supporting the development of the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor and boosting economic and trade exchanges between ASEAN and China.
5. We affirmed our commitment to facilitate the discussions and advance the

progress towards the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ASEAN and China on Single Window Cooperation by end 2026. We recognised the benefits to be derived from greater digital connectivity, and reiterated the importance of strengthening single window connectivity between ASEAN and China through intensifying engagement and dialogue.

6. We noted the ongoing consultations on the possibility of negotiating Authorised Economic Operator Mutual Recognition Arrangement (AEO MRA) between the ASEAN Customs and China Customs. We looked forward to commencing MRA discussions in July 2026, with a view to signing the MRA in 2027. The arrangement will enhance business compliance, reduce regulatory burden, facilitate trade, and enhance the utilisation of the ACFTA preferential arrangements.

7. We will strengthen cooperation on rules of origin under preferential trade agreements including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the ACFTA, and actively explore and advance the development of the electronic origin data exchange system under preferential trade arrangements.

8. We encouraged China Customs and ASEAN Customs to explore the establishment of a Smart Customs Cooperation Partnership, promote the transformation of digital and intelligent customs, carry out practical cooperation projects, and strengthen inter-connectivity.

9. We welcomed China Customs' commitment to continuing actively provide capacity-building programmes, including in the area of smart customs for ASEAN Member States, so as to promote the joint improvement of customs supervision capacity.