

RCEP Parties' and Signatory States' Status on CO Issuance and CO/DO Acceptance at the EIF (as of 15 July 2024)

	CO ISSUANCE			CO/DO ACCEPTANCE				Remarks (conditions for acceptance)
	Paper-based original copy	digital format CO *1	Remarks (other information on issuance and tools available for verifying the authenticity of CO)	Paper-based original copy	Paper-based scanned copy *2	Self-printed *3	Electronic format *4	
BN	V	X	Currently only issue a hardcopy CO	V	X	V	X	BN accepts self printed digital format (in case goods has arrived before the original CO does), as long as the original will be presented eventually to the issuing authority as well.
CA	V	X	Currently only issue a hardcopy CO	V	X	X	X	Currently Cambodia cannot accept both scanned copy and softcopy/digitally sent CO
ID	V	X	ID only issues a hardcopy CO under RCEP	V	X	V	V	ID can accept hardcopy of the original CO/DO and electronic format (e-CO, colored scanned file of paper-based original CO/DO, and digital format CO/DO). In addition, importers must comply with the CO/DO submission period as stipulated in Minister of Finance Regulation Number 35/2023
LA	V	X	Currently only issue a hardcopy CO	V	X	X	X	Currently LA cannot accept soft copy/digitally sent CO
MY	X	V	Currently issue CO in PDF format, could be printed by the applicant for exportation	V		V	X	MY's Issuing Authority will accept both the hardcopy of the original CO and scanned PDF of the original CO. Will not accept softcopy/digitally sent CO. MY is under development of the system to accommodate softcopy/digitally sent CO.
MM	V	X	Myanmar's issuing body will issue a hardcopy of CO. Exporters may choose "self-service printing" manually signed and stamped by Issuing Officers.	V	X	X	X	Currently Myanmar cannot accept soft copy/digitally sent CO
PH	V	X	At this stage, PH will only issue hard copy of CO.	V	X	X	V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper-based scanned copy is a special measure implemented under ATIGA and ASEAN+1 FTAs. Submission of hard copy / original is still required.</li> <li>• For Self-printed and Electronic Format, PH will accept, provided that the exporting Party has an online verification website</li> </ul>

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SG	V	X	At this point in time, SG's Issuing Authority (Singapore Customs) will issue a hardcopy CO	V (CO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original CO</i>	V (CO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original CO</i>	V (CO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original CO</i>	V (CO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original CO</i>	SG's Issuing Authority (Singapore Customs) accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original CO. Singapore Customs will not accept CO without the specimen signature and official seal affixed on the CO.
				V (DO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original DO</i>	V (DO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original DO</i>	V (DO) <i>Note: Singapore Customs accept scanned PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC formats of the paper-based original DO</i>	V (DO)	SG's Issuing Authority (Singapore Customs) will accept eDO and scanned file (such as PDF, JPEG, GIF, PNG, DOC ) of paper-based DO as long as the Minimum Data Requirements prescribed in Annex 3B is indicated on the document.
TH	V	X	Will only issue a hardcopy CO TH is under development of the system to issue scanned copy and softcopy/digitally sent CO	V	X	V	X	Currently cannot accept both scanned copy and softcopy/digitally sent CO, TH is under development of the system to accommodate these types of COs
VN	V		CO Form RCEP is electronically issued, applied signature and official seal of the issuing authorities with addition of a unique QR code through the Electronic Certificate of Origin System (eCoSys) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam. CO Form RCEP is manually issued in hard copy, signed and sealed in wet ink without addition of a unique QR code in case of the eCoSys' technical failures.	V	X	X	V	VN accepts hardcopy document and e-form CO under the established agreement. During the pandemic, VN accepts colored scanned of original CO or any kinds of CO format provided that customs can check C/O data online. VN is under domestic consultation to apply under normal circumstances and without any conditions.
AU	V	V	Issue both electronic and hard copy.	V	V	V	V	Accept both electronic and hard copy.
CN	V	V	China's issuing body will issue a hardcopy of CO or CO in pdf format depending on the declaration requirements of importing party. Exporters may choose "self-service printing" bearing the electronic seals of issuing body instead of those manually signed and stamped by Customs officers.	V	X	V	V	Hardcopy is the legal basis of verification, however, Importers in China can choose to submit the CO electronically during customs clearance, while they are still obligated legally to possess a hardcopy of CO which meet the features described in the notification of Exporting Parties. In the case of Electronic Origin Data Exchange System (EODES) has established, the importer will only be required to fill the serial number of CO during the customs clearance.
JP	V	V	Japan's issuing body (JCC) will issue CO in PDF for all exporting cases to a Party which can accept CO in PDF. A web-based tool, accessible only to the authorities of the Parties, to check the authenticity of the CO will be provided.	V	X	V	V	For CO, colored data (e.g. PDF, JPEG, GIF, etc.) with the resolution of 200 dpi or higher, including scanned CO, can be accepted by Japan Customs. For DO, data (e.g. PDF, JPEG, GIF, etc.) with the resolution of 200 dpi or higher, including scanned DO, can be accepted by Japan Customs.

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KR	V	V	An applicant applies for CO through Electronic Clearance System of Korea and the issued original CO can be printed out 1 time by the applicant through the system. Downloading of PDF of original CO will be implemented starting from Feb 1st 2022, the day RCEP takes into effect in Korea. However, downloading of PDF of original CO will apply only to the importing Parties which accept PDF as original CO.	V	V	V	V	Accept both electronic and hard copy.
NZ	V	V	Issue both electronic and hard copy.	V	V	V	V	Do not require CO to be presented at the time of importation. Only be required when needed, could be in original hardcopy or softcopy/digitally sent PDF format depending on the circumstances.

\*1: **Digital format CO** means CO issued in image file such as PDF and JPEG which complies with RCEP CO form including signature and official seal of the issuing body.

\*2: **Paper-based scanned copy** means a printed hard copy of scanned file, such as PDF and JPEG, from the paper-based original copy.

\*3: **Self-printed** means a digital format CO printed in a paper by traders.

\*4: **Electronic format** means acceptance of CO/DO in electronic format at the customs. This may cover eCO and scanned file (such as PDF and JPEG) of paper-based original copy.