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The Royal Thai Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and has the honour to inform the Ministry that the Federation of Thai Industries (F.T.I.) is the primary organization for promoting cooperation in the industrial sector among the private sector and with the public sector in Thailand and abroad. It is a private sector organization with the main duty of promoting and supporting Thai industry with a focus on sustainable growth.

Under the F.T.I. Act of 1987, the F.T.I. is empowered to perform the duty of representing the private sector within the industrial sector of Thailand. In fulfilling the mission as stated, the F.T.I. undertakes various activities and services for its members, including the issuance of Certificates of Origin (C/O) for products to be exported from Thailand.

At present, there may be some misunderstanding on the matter of competency in the issuance of C/O for products exported by Thailand. It is often understood that only the Board of Trade of Thailand may issue C/Os for Thai exporters. In fact, there are two private sector organizations, the Board of Trade of Thailand and the F.T.I. that are authorized by the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand to certify the origin of products exported from Thailand. It is hereby affirmed that the Federation of Thai Industries or F.T.I. is, together with the Board of Trade of Thailand, authorized and

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Directive of

The Ministry of Economic Affairs

Subject: The Issuance of Certificate of Origin

No. 240/2512

In view of the fact that presently there are several government agencies and various bodies in charge of issuing certificates of origin, the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Royal Thai Government deems it appropriate to lay down the following:

1. **Export Trading Division of the Department of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs** is authorized to issue General Certificates of Origin and Certificates of Origin for Handicrafts of all kinds that are produced by all localities in Thailand.
2. **The Provincial Economic Affairs Office** in all provinces of Thailand shall be in charge of issuing Certificates of origin for handicrafts of all kinds which are produced or sold in all localities in the province of Thailand.
3. **The Products Standard Office** shall be in charge of inspecting goods and certifying their origins especially those that are assigned to the Products Standard Office to inspect on product standard which include sorghum, processed teak, treated hemp, cotton wool and Thai silverware. It is also in charge of issuing certificate of origin and certification on the condition of the products.
4. **The Office of the Export Promotion** shall be in charge of issuing the Certificate of Origin for all handicraft products except Thai silk fabric products and Thai woven cotton products.
5. **The Customs Department** shall be in charge of issuing certificate of origin.

Ministry of Industry:

6. **Department of Industrial Promotion, Ministry of Industry** shall be in charge of issuing Certificate of Origin for Thai Cotton Woven Fabrics.
7. **The Committee on the Promotion of Thai Silk Products** shall be in charge of issuing Certificate of Origin for Hand Woven Thai Silk Products.

8. The Thai Chamber of Commerce shall be in charge of issuing Certificate of Origin for general goods.

9. The Association of Thai Industries (presently the Federation of Thai Industries) shall be in charge of issuing Certificate of Origin for industrial goods.

In making certification in appropriate order, upon request is being received from the applicant at the Ministry of Economic Affairs the officer must notify each applicant in details on the above procedure. Should the applicant seek to get the certification made by bodies other than the Ministry of Economic Affairs he should be assisted to do so.

Should the applicant wishes the Ministry of Economic Affairs to issue the Certificate then officers of the Export Division of the Department of Foreign Trade shall advise the applicant on the compliance to the regulation appended to this Directive. In the case of the request is filed with the Provincial Economic Affairs Office, the applicant must also be in full compliance with this regulation.

Directive dated 14 November B.E. 2512 (1969 A.D.)

(Signed) Nam Phoonwatthu

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Director General of the Department of Foreign Trade

On behalf of the Permanent Secretary of

The Ministry of Economic Affairs