



The ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASWSC) Meeting Ensures Trade Activities Optimization Through Full Implementation of e-Form D for All ASEAN Member States

Bali, 15 March 2023 – Indonesia received the handover of ASEAN Chairmanship for 2023 from Cambodia at the 42nd ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh last November 2022. Indonesia raised the theme "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth", to picture ASEAN's role as a center for regional and world economic growth. As part of the Chairmanship, Ministry of Finance held a series of finance track meetings, one of them is the 30th ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASWSC) that was held in Jimbaran, Bali on 14-16th March 2023. This meeting was attended by ASEAN Member States (AMS), dialogues partners, and representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat. The Meeting discussed the development of the ASEAN Single Window (ASW), follow-up action of previous meetings, reports from relevant working groups, and work plan for 2023, including the discussion of PED of Indonesia: The Full Implementation of e-Form D through ASEAN Single Window.

In his opening speech at the 30th ASWSC meeting, M. Agus Rofiudin, the Head of Indonesia National Single Window Agency (LNSW), Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia (MoF-RI) stated that the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for digitalizing trade procedures through the development of single window. Fortunately, ASEAN already had ASW that has been established long before the pandemic. He further explained, "ASEAN has invested enormous resources in both financial and human resources in developing and implementing ASEAN Single Window. The time has come for all Member States to maximize the utilization of the ASEAN Single Window which will contribute to digital transformation and accelerate seamless logistics progress within and across ASEAN to facilitate digitally-enabled trade".

At the end of 2019, all AMS joined the ASW Live Operation that allowed ASEAN traders to be granted preferential tariff treatment based on the e-Form D, under the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement, exchanged through the ASW. To support the Bandar Seri Begawan Roadmap (BSBR) as the key initiative for ASEAN's digital integration, Indonesia raised the PED of the full implementation of e-Form D through the ASW which being discussed in ASWSC. The PED aims to leverage digital transformation taking place in the region and contribute to the goal of ASEAN to accelerate the region's economic recovery and digital transformation integration.

In addition, to promote effective implementation and operation of the ASW, ASWSC plays an important role in overseeing the overall coordination and required synchronization of policy and action, as well as considering the needs of future development of the ASEAN Single Window, such as exchanging e-form D, ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD), Electronic Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certificate (e-SPS), other potential documents and also exchanging other trade-related documents with ASEAN Dialogue Partners. This shows the existence of the ASEAN Single Window will provide optimal benefits within and extra-regional.


This year ASWSC meeting tries to gain momentum of opportunity to further develop and deepen engagement among Member States as well as with Dialogue Partners. Hopefully, it can fulfill pending issues and most importantly come up with pragmatic recommendations so that ASEAN can become more stable and able to become a region that is strong and inclusive and has sustainable economic growth.

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