# Experience of Myanmar in Establishing the Accreditation System for Customs Brokers

### Background History of Customs Broker/Logistics Agency in Myanmar

- In 1992, Myanmar Customs Department considered to found private associations licensed, regulated and empowered by Customs Office to confront the rapid growth of Trade Volume.
  - A steering committee led by Deputy Director General of Myanmar Customs Department was founded.
- In Myanmar, the broker's aim is assisting importers and exporters in meeting several requirements governing imports and exports. The duty is submitting necessary information and appropriate payments to Government Offices on behalf of their clients and charge them a fee for this service.

In 1997, Myanmar Customs Brokers' Association (MCBA) was legally established.

In 2002, MCBA became the member of International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations(IFCBA).

## Myanmar Customs' Current Procedures and Process to become

#### **Authorized Customs Broker**

- One shall submit application form to Customs Office and must have been the member of MCBA.
- Customs Office check relevant documents and nominate for the certified customs agent. Basically one need to attach citizenship identity card and must have been a degree holder from an University.
  - We train the applicants one month training on Customs Overview relating Classification, Valuation, Assessment, kinds of importation (such as HS, Valuation, Assessment, Temporary Admission, Drawback, Advance Ruling and so on); and then make written examination test.
  - We make the polished up training on WTO Valuation Agreement for those who passed examination test for one month and then make written examination test again.

The exam must have passed that examined by Customs Department.

## Myanmar Customs' Current Procedures and Process to form Authorized Agency

An agency must has three licensed agents approved by Myanmar Customs Department and has to submit its Form VI (Shareholder List) and Form XXVI (List of Board of Directors)

Those agents must be approved by Investigation Division, Customs Department that they have no legal punishment or accusation; and be approved by Administration Division that they have passed the Broker Training Test (Examination).

An agency have to pay fifty thousands MMK (approx. 32 USD) as an application fee and give a bond with sufficient security not exceeding three million MMK (approximately one thousand and nine hundred USD) for his faith to Customs Laws, Rules and Regulations.

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The registration stands for one year and must be extended in due course.

#### **Myanmar Customs' Future Plans**

- Rules and Regulations for Brokers has been implementing in order to promote the capacity of Customs Brokers under the IFCBA Standard.
- Training Courses for Brokers has been implementing in order to promote the capacity of Customs Brokers.
- Enforcement of Rules and Regulation for Brokers has been implementing in order to promote the capacity of Customs Brokers.
- Customs Department has been trying to form A Committee for compliance of Brokers under the IFCBA Standard..
- Customs Department does not undertake for the brokers training but we only make the written examination.

# Thank You for Your Attention