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The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("ASEAN") (hereinafter referred to singularly as "Contracting Party" and collectively as "Contracting Parties");

**RECALLING** the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit signed on
16 December 1998 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement");

**RECOGNISING** that Articles 7 and 25 thereof provide for the conclusion of implementing Protocols which shall form integral parts of the Agreement;

**DESIRING** to encourage and facilitate inter-state and transit transport operations among the Contracting Parties; and

**REITERATING** that the conclusion of this Protocol shall provide for the efficient and effective arrangement for transit trade among the Contracting Parties,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties hereby agree to apply the provisions of this Protocol to the frontier posts as duly designated for the clearance and examination of the means of transport and goods in transit.
2. The Contracting Parties may, with the mutual consent of the immediate neighbouring Contracting Party or Parties, allow the clearance and examination of the means of transport and goods in transit at other frontier posts, in addition to those duly designated, in an exceptional situation and on a temporary basis, as long as the terms and conditions are consistent with the principles embodied in the Agreement and this Protocol.

## ARTICLE 2 DESIGNATION OF FRONTIER POSTS

1. The Contracting Parties hereby agree to formalise the initial respective frontier posts, as the basis for the designation of frontier posts for the purpose of this Protocol, which are listed in the Annex to this Protocol.
2. The Contracting Parties shall affirm their designated frontier posts at the time of the deposit of their Instruments of Ratification or Acceptance with the Secretary-General of ASEAN. The affirmation shall be with the mutual agreement of the immediate neighbouring Contracting Party or Parties.
3. The Contracting Parties may initiate proposals for the modification of the list of the designated frontier posts from time to time. Any proposed modification by one Contracting Party shall be with the mutual agreement of the immediate neighbouring Contracting Party or Parties. Subsequent amendments to the Annex as a result of such modification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN who shall promptly communicate the amended Annex to the Contracting Parties.
4. The designated frontier posts established in accordance with this Protocol shall be without prejudice to any on-going territorial claims between the Contracting Parties.

## ARTICLE 3 INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. The ASEAN Directors-General of Customs Meeting shall be the body responsible for monitoring, reviewing, coordinating and supervising all aspects relating to the effective implementation of this Protocol.
2. The ASEAN Secretariat shall provide the necessary administrative support and assistance to the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs Meeting in carrying out its functions and discharging its responsibilities under this Protocol.

## ARTICLE 4 FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN who shall promptly furnish a certified true copy thereof to each Contracting Party.
2. This Protocol shall form an integral part of the Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, the Agreement shall prevail over this Protocol.
3. This Protocol shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the Contracting Parties. The Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance, including the affirmation of their designated frontier posts, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN who shall promptly inform each Contracting Party of such deposit. The affirmation or designation, as the case may be, of the frontier post(s) and subsequent changes and modifications to such frontier post(s) shall be accompanied by supporting documents showing the mutual agreement of the immediate neighbouring Contracting Party or Parties.
4. This Protocol shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after the deposit of the sixth Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance, and shall become effective only among the Contracting Parties that have ratified or accepted it. For each Contracting Party ratifying or accepting the Protocol after the deposit of the sixth Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance, the Protocol shall enter into force on the sixtieth day after the deposit of such Contracting Party of its Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance.
5. No reservation may be made to this Protocol either at the time of signature or ratification or acceptance.
6. Any amendment to the provisions of this Protocol, except for the amendment of the Annex as provided under paragraph 3 of Article 2 of this Protocol, shall be effected by the consent of all Contracting Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorised to sign by their respective Governments, have signed Protocol 2 on the Designation of Frontier Posts to implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit.

DONE at Langkawi, Malaysia on the Fourth day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen, in a single copy in the English language.

For Brunei Darussalam:

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For the Republic of Indonesia:

**SRI MULYANI INDRAWATI**

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**DATUK SERI JOHARI ABDUL GHANI**

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For the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

**KYAW WIN**

Union Minister

Ministry of Planning & Finance

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**CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ**

Secretary of Finance

For the Republic of Singapore:

**LAWRENCE WONG**

Second Minister for Finance

For the Kingdom of Thailand:

**APISAK TANTIVORAWONG**

Minister of Finance

For the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam:

**DINH TIEN DUNG**

Minister of Finance

# ANNEXList of Designated Frontier Posts

**Brunei Darussalam**

Sungai Tujuh

**Kingdom of Cambodia**

Poi Pet

Bavet

Trapeing Kreal

Sihanoukville International Port

**Republic of Indonesia**

Entikong, West Kalimantan

**Lao People's Democratic Republic**

Nampaow Customs Checkpoint, Bolikhamsay Province

Friendship Bridge 1 International Customs Checkpoint, Vientiane Capital

Friendship Bridge 2 International Customs Checkpoint, Savannakhet Province

Friendship Bridge 4 International Customs Checkpoint, Bokeo Province

Nongnokkien International Customs Checkpoint, Champasack Province

Daensavanh Customs Checkpoint, Savannakhet Province

**Malaysia**

Bukit Kayu Hitam

Tanjong Kupang

Tebedu

Sungai Tujuh

Johor Bahru

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

Tachileik

Myawaddy

**Republic of the Philippines**

Nil

**Republic of Singapore**

Woodlands Checkpoint

Tuas Checkpoint

Keppel Free Trade Zone

Pasir Panjang Free Trade Zone

Jurong Free Trade Zone

Sembawang Free Trade Zone

Changi Free Trade Zone

**Kingdom of Thailand**

Mae Sai Boundary Post

Mae Sot Boundary Post

Aranyaprathet Boundary Post

Nong Kai Boundary Post

Sa Dao Boundary Post

Mook Da Harn Boundary Post

Chiang Kong Boundary Post

**Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

Cau Treo Customs Checkpoint

Lao Bao Customs Checkpoint

Moc Bai Customs Checkpoint