

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Certificate Programme

8th intake: 28 & 29 Aug 2008

"The course provided a very comprehensive overview of the different FTAs without compromising on the in-depth knowledge gained. I will recommend this workshop to others for sure!"

- Diana P ang
Business Development Director, Sunny Metal & Engineering Pte Ltd

"FTAs are more than just reduced tariffs for goods. Others should attend this programme to learn more about investments, services and intellectual property protection. All these serve as a guide for business decisions!"

- Lim Yew Leng
Logistics Operations Manager, Eastman Chemical Asia Pacific Pte Ltd

Seminar on Introduction and Fundamentals of Free Trade Agreement.

Interactive workshop format with hands-on guided group projects and discussions

INTRODUCTION: OVERVIEW OF FTAS

- What and Why of FTA
- Global FTA developments and Singapore's FTA Networks
- Beneficiaries of FTAs
- Typical FTA Framework

TRADE IN GOODS CHAPTER

- Difference between Most Favoured Nation (MFN) and Preferential Tariffs; Internal Duties and Import Taxes
- Relationship between FTA and WTO
- GATT Article XXIV
- Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA)
- Coverage of Trade in Goods Chapter
- Non-Tariff Measures, Trade Remedies, Technical Barriers to Trade
- Trade in Goods Case Studies

RULES OF ORIGIN

- Harmonized System (HS) Code System
- Rules of Origin Principle and Common Product ROO Criteria
- Minimal Processing, Transportation and Advance
- Rules of Origin Case Studies

COST STATEMENT

- Manufacturer's registration
- Accessing manufacturing cost statements
- Definition of terms used in manufacturing cost statements
- Filling in and submission of cost statements case studies
- Application for preferential certificate of origin
- Renewal of manufacturing statement and cost statement

MUTUAL RECOGNITIONS AGREEMENTS (GOODS)

- Purpose and Product Coverage of MRA in Different FTAs
- Implementation of Commitments & Dispute Settlement Procedure
- Mutual Recognition Agreements Case Studies

TRADE IN SERVICES CHAPTER

- General Agreement on Trade in Services
- Definition of services: Modes of supply; Sector specific and blanket exceptions
- Coverage: Market access and national treatment principles
- Positive List & Negative List
- How to benefit from services chapter
- Central Product Classification (CPC) Code System
- An overview of services coverage in major FTAs
- Services & Investment Chapters Case Studies

INVESTMENT CHAPTER

- Interpretation and Coverage of Investment Instruments & Assets
- Transfers of Funds & Capital
- Performance Requirements
- Protection against Government Expropriation
- Dispute Settlement

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION CHAPTER

- IP Chapters and its relation to International Intellectual Property Protection Conventions & Treaties
- The fundamentals of an IP Chapter and comparison of IP Chapters with Key territories (e.g. US, Korea) including basic information on each IP regime.
- Intellectual Property Case Studies

MUTUAL RECOGNITIONS AGREEMENTS (SERVICES)

- Purpose and Qualifications Coverage
- Implementation of Commitments
- Dispute Settlement
- Mutual Recognition Agreements Case Studies

MOVEMENT OF NATURAL PERSONS CHAPTER

- Interpretation and Nationality Restrictions
- Personnel Coverage (Short-Term Business Visitors, Intra-Corporate Transferees, Investors, Professionals)
- Comparisons of Travel Stay Periods under Different FTAs
- Application Process by Companies

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CHAPTER

- FTAs with Government Procurement Chapters
- Commitments by FTA Partner Governments and Procurement Thresholds
- Leveraging on Government Procurement Chapter
- Dispute Settlement

FTA Features

FTA Group Projects

- Jordan (SJFTA)
- Australia (SAFTA)
- United States (USSFTA)
- India (CECA)
- New Zealand (ANZSCEP)
- South Korea (KSFTA)
- Europe (ESFTA)
- Japan (JSEPA)
- ASEAN (AFTA)
- ASEAN-China Trade in Goods (ACFTA)



Registration Form

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Certificate Programme

Developed and certified by IE Singapore, and supported by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore Customs and Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS).

8th intake: 28 & 29 Aug 2008
Time: 9.00 am to 5.30 pm
Venue: Grand Plaza Park Hotel
Singapore

Company / Personal Details

	Name of Attendee (to be shown on certificate)	Designation	Contact No	Email Address	FTA Exam	Amount (\$)
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on Workshop Fees: 5%
(At least 3 registrations)

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WORKSHOP FEES

Full Programme: S\$880 per person
S\$778.50 (after SDF subsidy, SMEs only)

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1. **Certificate of Attendance** will be issued to participants.
2. **FTA Competency Certificate** will be issued to candidate who passes the optional FTA exam. On passing the FTA exam, candidate successfully demonstrated that he / she understands the application of the FTA concepts and tools and is able to resolve practical problems.
3. **FTA Exam:** S\$ 150 per attempt. This is an optional one-hour pen and paper exam, conducted on a separate day. Further details of the examination (ie date, time and venue) will be announced during the FTA workshop.

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verifiable hours will be awarded for full programme.

Terms & Conditions

I have read and understood the terms and conditions below:

Name:
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1. The organiser reserves the right to cancel or make any adjustments to the event.
2. Enrolment is on a first-come-first-served basis.
3. If you are unable to attend, a replacement is welcome.
4. Strictly no cancellation & refund is allowed after confirmation, however a substitute delegate is welcome at no extra cost.
5. Registration is transferable to another person, in writing, at least five working days prior to the commencement of the program.
6. Enrolment confirmation will be sent via e-mail to each enrollee on receipt of each enrolment.
7. Payments are required with registration and must be received prior to the event to guarantee your place.

Walk-in participants will only be admitted on the basis of space availability at the event and with immediate full payment. Please note that handouts may not be available during the seminar for walk-in participants.

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