Dear Valued MSI Members and Industry Stakeholders,

Greetings from Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI).

We are pleased to announce that the **Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) has officially appointed Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI) as the issuing authority for Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (NPCO), also known as Sijil Tempasal Bukan Keutamaan (STBK), for iron and steel products under HS Codes 72 and 73.**

This appointment, formalised through MITI's letter dated **28 October 2026 with Reference No.: MITI.700-21/2/2 Jld. 6 (8)**. This significant milestone reinforces MSI's role in supporting Malaysia's iron and steel industry, particularly in facilitating trade, strengthening compliance with origin certification requirements, and streamlining the certification process.

Implementation Timeline

- **Until 31 December 2026 – Transition and Preparation Period:** MSI will facilitate company registration and conduct familiarisation sessions to prepare industry stakeholders for the transition to the new NPCO application system.
- **Effective 1 January 2027 – Full Implementation:** MSI will assume full responsibility for receiving, reviewing, assessing and issuing Non-Preferential Certificates of Origin (NPCOs) for eligible iron and steel products under HS Chapters 72 and 73, through its designated online application platform.

What This Means for Industry

Companies involved in the manufacturing, processing and export of iron and steel products under the HS Codes 72 and 73 are advised to prepare for the transition to MSI’s NPCO application and issuance procedures.

With effect from 1 January 2027, upon the commencement of MSI's NPCO services, the issuance of NPCOs for the relevant products by other MITI-appointed chambers of commerce and associations/trade association will be ceased.

The certification process will include the assessment of applicable rules of origin criteria, including a minimum 25% Qualifying Value Content (QVC) or Change in Tariff Sub-Heading (CTSH), subject to the relevant requirements and verification procedures.

Notwithstanding the above, MITI will continue to issue NPCOs for exports to the United States (US), upon request by the applicant.

Action Required: Registration and Preparation

To facilitate a smooth transition, MSI invites all relevant manufacturers, traders and industry stakeholders to undertake the following:

1. **Register your company:** Complete and submit your registration form via **npco@malaysiasteelinstitute.com**.
2. **Nominate an authorised representative:** Identify the personnel responsible for your company's NPCO applications, compliance documentation and communication with MSI.
3. **Prepare company information:** Ensure your company registration details, business activities, relevant HS Codes and manufacturing or processing information are available for submission.
4. **Prepare supporting documentation:** Companies should be ready to provide relevant manufacturing, processing, product-origin and cost information, where applicable, for verification and assessment.
5. **Participate in industry briefings and training sessions:** MSI will provide further updates and guidance on system onboarding, application procedures, documentation requirements and the NPCO certification process through industry briefing, training programmes and familiarisation sessions to facilitate a smooth transition for all affected companies.

Mandatory Training Requirements for CA and NPCO Applications

Since NPCO applications will be submitted through an online platform, Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI) will conduct mandatory training programmes to equip applicants with the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure accurate and complete Cost Analysis (CA) and NPCO submissions, thereby minimising application errors.

The mandatory training programmes comprise:

1. Iron and Steel 101 Training
2. Practical Training on Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin (NPCO) for Iron & Steel Exporters.
3. Applicants are required to complete annual refresher courses for both the Iron and Steel 110 Training and the NPCO Training to stay informed of updates to application requirements and relevant policy.

Applicants are required to fulfil the mandatory training requirements within six (6) months of the commencement of MSI's NPCO services.

For further information on the training programmes, schedules and registration procedures, please click here.

Industry Registration and Onboarding Requirements

Please note that registration is intended to facilitate industry readiness and onboarding. It does not constitute automatic approval of NPCO applications. All applications will remain subject to the applicable origin criteria, verification and assessment requirements.

Official Authorisation and Transition to MSI's NPCO Services

MSI is committed to ensuring a transparent, efficient and industry-responsive transition. We encourage all affected companies to register early and nominate their representatives to support a seamless implementation ahead of **1 January 2027**.

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During the transition period, applicants may also direct their enquiries to MITI at npco@miti.gov.my. This temporary arrangement will remain in place until the transition of NPCO services to MSI is completed.

We look forward to your cooperation and continued engagement as MSI undertakes this important responsibility in supporting Malaysia's iron and steel industry.

Warm regards,

Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI)
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