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ASEAN Connectivity through Trade and Investment

ASEAN Single Window: Promoting ASEAN trade facilitation and ASEAN-U.S. Trade



Traders will utilize the ASEAN Single Window system to move goods throughout the region.

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"In this era where business is borderless and competitiveness is a crucial standard, it is imperative that we take full advantage of what technology offers in making us realize our goals in establishing an efficient, reliable and secure system of exchange in information and services across and among our partner countries."

Rozzano Rufino Biazon
Customs Commissioner of the Philippines

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Connectivity through Trade and Investment is a five-year project of the United States Agency for International Development and the Department of State to increase U.S. economic engagement and cooperation with ASEAN countries. Asia is an increasingly inter-connected region and with the launch of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), the U.S. Government has aligned its development assistance priorities in support of regional integration.

Trade between the United States and ASEAN is estimated at \$200 billion. The project encourages ASEAN to adopt free, transparent, sustainable and inclusive trade practices as it moves toward economic integration. This includes technical support for customs integration.

THE ASEAN SINGLE WINDOW

The project is helping to create an ASEAN Single Window that can connect and integrate national windows of the 10 ASEAN member states. This will enable streamlined electronic data submission for cargo clearance and lower the cost of doing business across the region. The ASEAN Single Window will also increase transparency in customs systems and improve customs compliance. For U.S. and other businesses, the system will reduce clearance times and costs, and help ensure that trade regulations are administered equitably for all businesses. National windows are now operational in four ASEAN member states with national windows under development or design in the remaining member states.

THE PROJECT IS ASSISTING ASEAN TO:

- Complete the basic ASEAN Single Window structure and assist in its launch;
- Finalize and adopt the necessary legal reforms to operate the ASEAN Single Window;
- Incorporate ASEAN Single Window-transferred information into risk management systems; and
- Expand the public-private dialogue on the ASEAN Single Window.

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