



Te Mana Arai o Te Kuki Airani

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **PACER PLUS Trade Agreement Rules of Origin and Legislation Public Consultation 2019**

Kia Orana, Cook Islands Customs Service under the Revenue Management Division - MFEM is holding a 1 day Public Consultation on PACER PLUS ROO and Legislation.

The Consultation is aimed to familiarize all interested parties, such as importers, exporters, brokers, freight forwarders and the private sectors;

- Understanding the reasons for having Rules of Origin under the PACER PLUS Trade Agreement
- Changes to Legislation in regards to PACER PLUS Rules of Origin once Cook Islands government ratifies PACER PLUS Trade Agreement
- The impact that complex ROO may have on trade, business and government.

Background of the action: Stakeholders can better utilize and benefit from PACER Plus when they understand the ROO including how to access and undertake the necessary procedures.

In this regard, the Customs administrations as the administration of the ROO provisions must ensure that they and all the stakeholders are fully aware of their roles and procedures stipulated under PACER Plus. Furthermore, this consultation is aimed at creating awareness on the ROO to enable importers and exporters to benefit from opportunities provided by PACER Plus. This will involve the private sector, exporters, Importers, freight forwarders, customs brokers, and other Government stakeholders. The consultation will be conducted by the ROO certified trainers and supported by the OCO Secretariat.

**Dates: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Venue: Sinai Hall, Avarua CICC Time: 9am to 1pm**

To confirm attendance please advise and for further information contact Maria Ioane via email [maria.matua@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:maria.matua@cookislands.gov.ck) or phone 29365 ext. 8220

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