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H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong
Secretary General
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Your Excellency,

RATIFICATION OF RELEVANT AGREEMENTS SIGNED ON 8TH
ASEAN-CHINA SUMMIT, VIENTIANE, LAOS PDR, NOVEMBER 2004

With reference to paragraph 4; Article 23 of the Trade in Goods Agreement and paragraph 2; Article 18 of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism Agreement, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of the People's Republic of China has completed its internal procedures in order to bring the above Agreements into force on 1 January 2005.

I would also like to inform you that starting from 20 July, 2005, the China-ASEAN FTA preferential tariffs will be actually granted to the products originated in those ASEAN members that have completed their internal procedures and issued the legal enactments on the ratifications of those Agreements. All Form-E's issued by the above-mentioned ASEAN members during the period between 1 and 20 July, 2005 will be regarded as valid by the Chinese Customs Offices after 20 July, 2005. I hope Chinese exports to ASEAN members could also receive the same treatment on reciprocal basis.

Please accept the reassurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,



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