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Text-Based Trader's Signature and Stamp in Preferential Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CO) issued by TDAP via PSW - Effective 27th August, 2026

This is to inform you that the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has issued a notification regarding an important enhancement in the Preferential Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CO) issued through the Pakistan Single Window (PSW) system.

Effective Date: 27th August, 2026

Key Changes in e-CO Process:

With effect from 27th August, 2026, the requirement for exporters to manually sign and stamp the TDAP-approved e-CO after printing will be discontinued. The PSW system will now automatically handle this.

The following changes will be implemented:

1. **Signature and Stamp Fields**
The "Exporter's Declaration/Endorsement" box in the e-CO will now be auto-populated with text-based fields:
Signed by: [Exporter Name as in Box 1 of e-CO]
Stamped by: [Exporter Name as in Box 1 of e-CO]
Example: ABC SPINNING MILLS LTD.
2. **Print Preview & Final e-CO**
These text-based "Signed by" and "Stamped by" fields will appear in bold and blue on both the "Print Preview" and the final issued/approved e-CO.
3. **Revised Overleaf Note**
The existing note advising manual signing and stamping has been replaced with: > "Note: This Certificate of Origin is electronically generated and issued through the PSW system under the authority of TDAP. The applicant/exporter's printed name constitutes the official certification of the applicant/exporter. No handwritten signature or company stamp/seal is required for the authenticity or validity of this Certificate."

Significance:

This change makes the e-CO a genuinely electronic document with no manual intervention required. The e-CO received electronically from the exporter will be complete and ready for direct email/electronic transmission to the overseas buyer. This will eliminate the risk of forwarding an unsigned or unstamped e-CO and is a key step toward TDAP's goal of fully paperless transmission of Certificates of Origin.

Action Required:

All member exporters are advised to take note of this change and ensure their teams are fully briefed. No manual signing or stamping of e-COs will be required after 27th August, 2026.

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