MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions in China of contracting parties of *"Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents"* (hereinafter referred to as the "Convention"), has the honor to inform the latter of China's issuance of e-Apostille in accordance with the "Convention" as follows:

1. To further facilitate the circulation of official documents under the framework of the "Convention", the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China as the competent issuing authority of the Apostille under the "Convention" will gradually issue e-Apostilles for the official documents issued within China. As the first step, from 18 June 2025, the certificates of origin issued by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade will be issued with e-Apostille.

2. The e-Apostille issued by the Chinese side consists of three parts: the official document itself, the Apostille page and the cover page. Among them, the Apostille page contains information of Apostille and the cover page contains the validity of the Apostille and verification instructions. The three parts will be combined into an electronic document. The e-Apostille issued by the Chinese side supports online verification. Please visit the following verification website for further details: <u>https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VERIFY/</u>. Please find enclosed the paper-based printout of the specimen e-Apostille issued by the Chinese side for your reference.

3. After the issuance of e-Apostille, the categories and criteria of the official documents issued by the Chinese side applicable to the "Convention" remain unchanged and the e-Apostille affixed (in PDF format) bears the same effect as the physical Apostille. The Chinese side will gradually expand the criteria of the official documents to be issued with e-Apostille according to its domestic development of document digitization.

The Chinese side would like to keep communicating with all contracting parties with regard to the issuance of Apostille and further facilitation to the cross-border use of official documents

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would appreciate the diplomatic missions for timely transmitting the above-mentioned information to their respective administrative authorities and their consular missions in China.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Diplomatic Missions of the Countries Concerned Beijing

电子附加证明书 e-Apostille

中华人民共和国外交部已为此文件签发电子附加证明书,电子 附加证明书与实体附加证明书具有同等效力。

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中华人民共和国外交部

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各有关国家驻华外交代表机构:

中华人民共和国外交部向《取消外国公文书认证要求 的公约》(以下简称《公约》)缔约国驻华外交代表机构致 意,并谨就中方根据《公约》,签发电子附加证明书事宜 通报如下:

一、为进一步便利《公约》框架下的公文书流转,中 华人民共和国外交部作为签发《公约》规定的附加证明书 的主管机关,将逐步为中国境内出具的公文书签发电子附 加证明书。作为第一步,将自二O二五年六月十八日起, 为中国国际贸易促进委员会出具的原产地证书签发电子附 加证明书。

二、中方签发的电子附加证明书由三部分组成:公文 书本身、附加证明书页和封面页。其中,附加证明书页载 有附加证明书信息,封面页载有附加证明书效力及核验说 明。三部分合成一份电子文件。中方签发的电子附加 证明书支持在线核验,具体可登录核验网址 https://consular.mfa.gov.cn/VERIFY/。随照附上中方电子附 加证明书样本纸质打印版。

三、签发电子附加证明书后,中方适用《公约》的公 文书类别和范围不发生变化,电子附加证明书(PDF格式) 与实体附加证明书具有同等效力。中方将根据国内文书电 子化发展,逐步扩大签发电子附加证明书的公文书范围。

中方愿在《公约》框架下,就附加证明书签发事宜, 以及进一步便利公文书跨国使用与各缔约国保持沟通。

如蒙各国驻华外交代表机构将上述情况尽快通报本国 主管部门和本国驻华领事机构,外交部将不胜感激。

顺致崇高的敬意。

附件:中方为原产地证书签发的电子附加证明书样本 纸质打印版

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