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FORMER LOGISTICS COORDINATOR FINED \$150,000 FOR FALSIFYING CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN

Singapore, 30 June 2025 – A 41-year-old Malaysian woman, Kok Swee Chee (郭瑞枝) (“Kok”), was fined \$150,000 by the State Courts on 25 June 2025 for falsifying export documents while employed as a logistics coordinator at a Singapore-based company.

2 Kok pleaded guilty to one charge under the *Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations* for falsifying 17 Certificates of Origin¹ (COs) used in export shipments. Two additional charges involving 23 other falsified COs were taken into consideration during sentencing.

3 Kok was employed by the company from November 2020 to May 2023, and was responsible for handling import and export documentation. Investigations revealed that between January and December 2022, she had altered a legitimate CO issued by the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce (SICC), changing key details such as consignee names, goods descriptions, and CO numbers to fabricate the COs. These were then sent to her company’s overseas customers.

¹ An ordinary Certificate of Origin (CO), also known as a non-preferential CO, is a trade document that helps to identify the origin of the good. For further information on COs, please refer to:
<https://www.customs.gov.sg/businesses/certificates-of-origin/overview/>

4 The offences came to light in July 2023 when SICC was alerted to suspicious COs bearing its name, and which were not issued by SICC. SICC subsequently filed a report with Singapore Customs after confirming the documents were falsified.

5 Kok admitted she had acted out of convenience and concern over delays in obtaining official COs from SICC in time to meet shipment deadlines. The total declared value of goods in the 17 falsified COs was approximately \$2.01 million, while the additional 23 COs considered during sentencing involved goods worth another \$2.77 million.

6 “Certificates of Origin play a critical role in international trade. Any attempt to falsify them undermines the integrity of Singapore’s trading system. We take such offences seriously and will not hesitate to take enforcement action against individuals who breach the law,” said a Singapore Customs spokesperson.

7 Under the *Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations*, anyone found guilty of falsifying COs will be liable, on the first conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000, or three times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or imprisonment for up to two years, or both.

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