## Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership – Negotiating Round 31, 9 July 2020

The 31st Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) meeting was held virtually on 9 July. Fifteen RCEP parties attended the negotiation, with India being absent.

The meeting was chaired by Indonesia, with the Republic of Korea acting as Facilitator for ASEAN FTA partners. Negotiators noted that legal verification of the RCEP text has been completed and that bilateral market access negotiations have reached a final stage. Negotiators also discussed India's participation in the RCEP Negotiation.

The next TNC meeting will be held virtually in early August and the next Ministerial will likely take place virtually in late August.