



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

GUIDE TO EXPORTERS/MANUFACTURERS EXPORTING UNDER TRADE AGREEMENTS

The MRA Customs Department- Origin Unit is the competent authority responsible for the issuance of Certificates of Origin, at export, under below preferential trade agreements:

- Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (Movement Certificate EUR.1)
- UK-ESA Economic Partnership Agreement
- SADC Protocol on Trade
- IOC Protocol
- Pakistan-Mauritius Preferential Trade Agreement
- Turkey-Mauritius Free Trade Agreement
- India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement
- China-Mauritius Free Trade Agreement
- African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement
- Mauritius-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

1. PROCESS OUTLINE



A. Registration with Origin Unit

- Ensure goods meant for export under Trade Agreements are compliant with applicable rules of origin;
- Exporter/Manufacturer registration details must be updated with the MRA Customs Department- Origin Unit in case of changes(*including Company details and/or products manufactured*);
- Prescribed registration form to be used – *see Useful links below for downloadable items*;
- Registration may require Tariff Ruling to confirm proper Hs Codes for raw materials and /or finished products;
- Registration may require Origin Ruling for finished products to confirm compliance with rules of origin in advance of shipment/imports, under above Preferential Trade Agreements.

B. Site/Book Keeping Inspection

- **Site inspection and book keeping audits** may be required **before** finalization of Registration formalities. In cases of first-time registration, these will be mandatory;

- Exporters/Manufacturers are to strictly comply with Customs laws, regulations and their obligations to prevent disqualification/suspension from exporting under trade agreements.

C. Electronic Application for Certificate of Origin

- Once registration is fulfilled, applications for certificates of origin can be electronically lodged with MRA Customs through Trade Net;
- Originals of Certificates of Origin are delivered by the MRA Customs Department- Origin Unit Counters upon strict presentation of authorized Customs Pass/identification.

D. Shipment

- An application for Certificate of Origin must be lodged electronically before or at time of shipment;
- Once a Certificate of Origin is delivered, the Certificate of Origin is valid for the specific consignment to be shipped. In the event that shipment be cancelled/postponed, the Exporter is responsible for the return of the **ORIGINAL** of the Certificate of Origin to the MRA Customs Department- Origin Unit accompanied with request for cancellation.

2. Useful Links from MRA website:

Resource	MRA web address
Request for Advance Origin Ruling Form	https://eservices16.mra.mu/OAR/Index.jsp
Request for Registration of Exporters/Manufacturers under Preferential Trade Agreements Form	https://www.mra.mu/download/RegistrationForm-PreferentialAgreements.pdf or https://eservices16.mra.mu/EREG_EXPORTER/Login.jsp
Request for Advance HS Classification	www.mra.mu/download/RequestforHSClassificationofGoods.pdf
Origin Rulings	https://www.mra.mu/index.php/media1/rulings/origin-rulings
Integrated Tariff	https://www.mra.mu/index.php/customs1/tariff-information *subject to updates
Customs Act	https://www.mra.mu/index.php/legislations1
Trade Agreements text	https://www.mra.mu/index.php/customs1/export/origin
Trade Agreements Customs Regulations	https://www.mra.mu/legislations1

3. This guide is informative only. Further assistance/clarification can be addressed to:

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