

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR TRADE AGREEMENTS

A. ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN

IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO FACILITATE TRADE, ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT AS FROM **2 JUNE 2025**, THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT OF THE MAURITIUS REVENUE AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE ELECTRONIC PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR BELOW MENTIONED TRADE AGREEMENTS:

- **MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES EUR.1, UNDER THE TÜRKIYE-MAURITIUS FREE TRADE AGREEMENT ;**
- **INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION TRADE PROTOCOL;**
- **SADC PROTOCOL ON TRADE;**
- **PAKISTAN-MAURITIUS PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT;**
- **AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT;**
- **MAURITIUS-CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT;**
- **INDIA-MAURITIUS COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; AND**
- **MAURITIUS-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

CONSEQUENTLY, AS FROM **2 JUNE 2025**, UPON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, MRA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AND A SOFT COPY OF SAME WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY FORWARDED THROUGH EMAIL TO THE EXPORTER. THE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED ON THE TRADENET PORTAL BY THE APPLICANT.

THE EXPORTER SHALL SHARE THIS ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN WITH THE IMPORTER IN THE IMPORTING MEMBER STATE/STATE PARTY FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.

THE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING NEW AUTHENTICATION FEATURES:

- A QR CODE;
- ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE; AND
- ELECTRONIC STAMP

ECONOMIC OPERATORS, OFFICIALS OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY/IMPORTERS IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY MAY VERIFY THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN BY –

- (i) SCANNING THE QR CODE ON THE CERTIFICATE; OR
- (ii) ACCESSING THE WEB LINK <https://www.mra.mu/index.php/eservices1/customs>.

A USER GUIDE FOR ONLINE VERIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN IS AVAILABLE ON THE MRA WEBSITE AT <https://www.mra.mu/index.php/eservices1/customs>.

DECLARANTS/EXPORTERS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN SUBMITTED TO THE MRA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW BELOW PROCEDURE IN VIEW OF ENSURING SMOOTH TRANSITION TO THE NEW SYSTEM:

1. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN WHICH ARE LODGED ON **31 MAY 2025** BEFORE 12:00 HRS WILL BE PROCESSED AND HARDCOPY CERTIFICATE ISSUED UPON APPROVAL;
2. APPLICATIONS LODGED ON **31 MAY 2025** ON OR AFTER 12:00 HRS TILL 24:00 HRS WILL BE REJECTED. DECLARANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY AS FROM 01 JUNE 2025. THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED AND **ISSUED ELECTRONICALLY**.

NO HARDCOPY WILL BE ISSUED FOR DELIVERY AT ORIGIN COUNTER FOR THE ABOVE-LISTED TRADE AGREEMENTS. SOFT COPY OF APPROVED CERTIFICATES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY FORWARDED THROUGH EMAIL TO THE EXPORTER. THE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED ON THE TRADENET PORTAL BY THE APPLICANT.

B. MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES EUR.1 FOR PREFERENTIAL EXPORTS TO THE EU AND THE UK WILL BE MAINTAINED IN HARDCOPY.

ORIGIN COUNTER WILL BE MANNED FOR DELIVERY OF HARDCOPY CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN, FOR ONLY:

- MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE EUR1 FOR EXPORTS TO THE EU UNDER THE INTERIM ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT;
- MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE EUR1 FOR EXPORTS TO THE UK UNDER THE UK-ESA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; AND
- AGOA VISA/TEXTILE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN - ORIGIN UNIT CLEARANCE

FOR ANY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE MRA CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT- (ORIGIN UNIT) ON (230) 2020500 OR ON THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS: origin.customs@mra.mu

FOR ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON WEB APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT THE MNS HELPDESK ON 401 6800 OR BY EMAIL ADDRESS: support.team@mns.mu