



NOTICE TO ECONOMIC OPERATORS

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (CHINA AGREEMENT)

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT -

- (1) THE CHINA AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE AS FROM **1ST JANUARY 2021**.
- (2) THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHINA AGREEMENT -
 - (A) THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) (NO.5) REGULATIONS 2020 (**G.N NO. 294 OF 2020**), WHICH HAS AMENDED THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT TO PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR ORIGINATING GOODS IMPORTED FROM CHINA INTO MAURITIUS ("China" COLUMN); AND
 - (B) THE CUSTOMS (EXPORT TO CHINA) REGULATIONS 2020 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OR ADMINISTRATE DECLARATION OF ORIGIN FOR ORIGINATING GOODS EXPORTED FROM MAURITIUS TO CHINA (**G.N NO. 274 OF 2020**).
- (3) (A) ORIGINATING GOODS EXPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS FROM **01 JANUARY 2021** SHALL BENEFIT PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS IN MAURITIUS –
 - (a) ON PRODUCTION OF EITHER:



- (I) A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AS PER ARTICLE 3.14 AND ANNEX TO CHAPTER 3 OF THE CHINA AGREEMENT; OR
 - (II) A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER AS PER ARTICLES 3.15 and 3.16 OF THE CHINA AGREEMENT;
- (b) AT THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY SPECIFIED IN THE “CHINA” COLUMN OF THE INTEGRATED TARIFF.
- (B) ORIGINATING GOODS EXPORTED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AS FROM **01 JANUARY 2021** SHALL BENEFIT PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA –
- (a) ON PRODUCTION OF EITHER:
 - (I) A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AS PER THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF G.N NO. 274 OF 2020; OR
 - (II) A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER AS PER THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF G.N NO. 274 OF 2020;
 - (b) AS PER PART 3 OF SECTION B OF THE SCHEDULE TO ANNEX I OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CHINA AGREEMENT.
- (C) UNDER ARTICLE 2.13 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CHINA AGREEMENT, CHINA HAS ESTABLISHED A COUNTRY SPECIFIC TARIFF QUOTA (CSTQ), WHEREBY EXPORTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF GOODS LISTED IN ANNEX TO CHAPTER 2, IN EXCESS OF THE SPECIFIED QUANTITY SPECIFIED THEREIN, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CHINA’S MFN (MOST FAVOURED NATION) APPLIED RATE;

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) HAVE TO BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE TRADENET.

(4) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MEASURES, THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) AS PER TABLES BELOW HAVE BEEN CREATED:

TABLE 1

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	10CHC	EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
2	17CHC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
3	34CHC	DIRECT RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
4	35CHC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AFTER TEMPORARY IMPORT
5	37CHC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
6	38CHC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT BY FREEPORT LICENSEE UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
7	70CHC	WAREHOUSING OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
8	40CHC	DIRECT IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A

		CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
9	47CHC	EXWAREHOUSE OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
10	49CHC	IMPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
11	50CHC	TEMPORARY IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

TABLE 2

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	10CHD	EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
2	17CHD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
3	34CHD	DIRECT RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
4	35CHD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER AFTER TEMPORARY IMPORT

5	37CHD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER CHINA AGREEMENT USING A DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
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- (5) ALL IMPORTERS/APPROVED EXPORTERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DECLARATION OF ORIGIN USED FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL BE MADE ON AN INVOICE OR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL DOCUMENT, USING THE TEXT WHICH APPEARS IN ARTICLE 3.15 TO THE CHINA AGREEMENT, WHICH IS REPRODUCED BELOW:



“The exporter (Authorization No...) hereby declares that the stated information is correct and that the goods exported to (Importing Party) comply with the origin requirements specified in the Mauritius-China Free Trade Agreement.”

- (6) THE DECLARATION OF ORIGIN SHALL BEAR THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF THE EXPORTER IN MANUSCRIPT AND BE SUBMITTED AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENT WITH IMPORT BILL OF ENTRY, THROUGH TRADENET.
- (7) THE CSTQ AT PARAGAPH (3)(B) SHALL BE GRANTED ON A ‘FIRST COME FIRST SERVE’ BASIS.

YOU MAY ACCESS THE CHINA AGREEMENT, THE ABOVE MENTIONED REGULATIONS AND THE WEB APPLICATION USER MANUAL ON THE MRA WEBSITE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE ORIGIN UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ON 202 0500 (EXT 7216 OR 7240) OR E-MAIL origin.customs@mra.mu.

YOU ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH (4).

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