

Revised documentation introduced for exports to Greece

The Embassy of India in Athens, Greece has informed that the embassy is receiving complaints from Greek importers that they have problems with customs clearance of their merchandise and that the Greek Customs charge them with penalties and deductions because the Indian suppliers are not submitting revised 'Form A' (Certificate of Origin).

Indian exporters are advised to send the revised Form A while exporting goods to Greece. The form is reproduced below.

Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2454/93 of 2 July 1993
Laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2913/92
establishing the Community Customs Code
 (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, P.1)
ANNEX 17

Certificate of Origin Form A

1. Certificates of origin Form A must conform to the specimen shown in this annex (reproduced below). The use of English or French for the notes on the reverse of the certificate shall not be obligatory. Certificates shall be made out in English or French. If completed by hand, entries must be ink and in capital letters.
2. Each certificate shall measure 210 x 297 mm; a tolerance of up to plus 5 mm or minus 8 mm in the length may be allowed. The paper used shall be white writing paper, sized, not containing mechanical pulp and weighing not less than 25 g/m². It shall have a printed green guilloche-pattern background making any falsification by mechanical or chemical means apparent to the eye.

If the certificates have several copies, only the top copy which is the original shall be printed with a printed green guilloche-pattern background.

3. Each certificate shall bear a serial number, printed or otherwise, by which it can be identified.
4. Certificates, a specimen of which is shown in the reproduced annexure, shall be acceptable from 1 January 1996; however certificates made out in accordance with the previous specimen, dated 1992, may be presented until 31 December 1997.

1. Goods consigned from (exporter's business Name, address, country)			Reference No. A GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (Combined declaration and certificates) FORM A		
2. Goods consigned to (Consignee's name, address, country)			Issued in ----- <div style="text-align: right;">(Country) See notes overleaf</div>		
3. Means of Transport and route (as far as known)			4. For Official use		
5 Item Number	6 Marks and numbers of packages	7 Number and kind of packages, description of goods	8 Origin criterion (see notes overleaf)	9 Gross weight of other quantity	10 Number and date of invoices
11. Certification It is hereby certified, on the basis of control carried out, that the declaration by the exporter is correct ----- Place and date, signature and stamp certifying authority			12. Declaration by the exporter The undersigned hereby declares that the above details and statements are correct; that all the goods were produced in ----- <div style="text-align: right;">(country)</div> and that they comply with the origin requirements specified for those goods in the generalized system of preferences for goods exported to ----- <div style="text-align: right;">(importing country)</div> ----- Place and date, signature of authorized signatory		

Notes (1996)

I. Countries which accept Form A for the purposes of the generalized system of preferences (GSP)

Australia *	Republic of Belarus	European Union:		
Canada	Republic of Bulgaria	Austria	Germany	Netherlands
Japan	Czech Republic	Belgium	Greece	Portugal
New Zealand**	Republic of Hungary	Denmark	Ireland	Spain
Norway	Republic of Poland	Finland	Italy	Sweden
Switzerland	Russian Federation	France	Luxembourg	United Kingdom
United States of America***	Slovakia			

Full details of the conditions converting admission to the GSP in these countries are obtainable from the designated authorities in the exporting preference-receiving countries or from the customs authorities of the preference-giving countries listed above. An information note is also containable from the UNCTAD secretariat.

II. General Conditions

The quality for preference, products must:

- Fall within a description of products eligible for preference in the country of destinations. The description entered on the form must be sufficiently detailed to enable the products to be identified by the customs officer examining them.
- Comply with the rules of origin of the country of destination. Each article in a consignment must qualify separately in its own right; and
- Comply with the consignment conditions specified by the country of destination in general products must be consigned direct from the country of exportation to the country of destination but most preference-giving countries accept passage through intermediate countries subject to certain conditions. (For Australia, direct consignment is not necessary).

III. Entries to be made in Box 8

Preference products must either be wholly obtained in accordance with the rules of the country of destination or sufficiently worked or processed to fulfill the requirements of that country's origin rules.

- Products wholly obtained: for export to all countries listed in Section-I, enter the letter "P" in Box 8 (for Australia and New Zealand Box 8 may be left blank).
- Products sufficiently worked or processed: for export to the countries specified below, the entry in Box 8 should be as follows:
 - United States of America, for single country shipments, enter the letter "Y" in Box 8 for shipments from recognized associations of countries, enter the letter "Z" followed by the sum of the cost or value of the domestic materials and the direct cost of processing, expressed as a percentage of the ex-factory price of the exported products (example "Y" 35% or "Z" 35%)
 - Canada: for products which meet origin criteria from working or processing in more than one eligible least developed country, enter letter "G" in Box 8: otherwise "F".
 - Japan, Norway, Switzerland and the European Union: enter the letter "W" in box 8 followed by the Harmonized Commodity Description and coding System (Harmonized System) heading at the 4-digit level of the exported product (example "W" 96.18)
 - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Russian Federation and Slovakia: for products which include value added in the exporting preference-receiving country, enter the letter "Y" in Box 8 followed by the value of imported materials and components expressed as a percentage of the fob price of the exported products (example "Y" 45%); for products obtained in a preference-receiving country and worked or processed in one or more other such countries, enter "Pk".
 - Australia and New Zealand: completion of Box 8 is not required. It is sufficient that a declaration be properly made in Box 12. ■

• For Australia, the main requirement is the exporter's declaration on the normal commercial invoice. Form A accompanied by the normal commercial invoice, is an acceptable alternative, but official certification is not required.

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*** The United States does not require GSP Form A. A declaration setting forth all pertinent detailed information concerning the production or manufacture of the merchandise is considered sufficient only if requested by the district collector or Customs.