

Important Notice to Exporters

Issuance of Certificates of Origin (COO) under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for Areca nuts, Black Pepper, Nutmeg, Mace, Cloves, Tamarind, Cardamom and Cinnamon

With the aim of streamlining issuance of Certificates of Origin (COO) for exports of above mentioned commodities to India and Pakistan under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA, the Department of Commerce (DOC) has decided to introduce a new COO issuance procedure with effect from 01.05.2019. Details are as follows.

Pre-shipment-Inspections

1. Export consignments of the above commodities will be subject to pre-shipment inspections, conducted by a panel consisting of officials from the DOC and Department of Export Agriculture. (DEA). In order to facilitate these inspections, exporters concerned should inform the DOC with details of their shipments at least two weeks prior to the shipment date. Exporters should use the attached format (Annex – I) for this purpose.

Air-freight Shipments

1. Exporters can apply for COO in advance of the shipment date.
2. Supporting documents to be submitted to the Department of Commerce along with COO for each air-freight shipment include:
 - Commercial Invoice
 - An affidavit (Please use the format given at Annex – II for the affidavit).
3. After the shipment, exporters should submit the following documents to the DOC for verification purposes.
 - A copy of the Airway Bill
 - Verified Party's copy of the Export Cusdec (Original) with a photocopy
 - A copy of the Phytosanitary certificate issued by National Plant Quarantine Service

Sea-freight Shipments

1. COO for all sea-freight cargo will be issued only after the shipments have been made
2. Supporting documents to be submitted to the DOC along with COO for each sea-freight shipment include:
 - Commercial Invoice *and Cargo Dispatch Note*
 - An affidavit (Please use the format given at Annex – II for the affidavit)
 - Verified Party's Copy of the Export Cusdec (Original) with a photocopy
 - Bill of Lading (original) with a photocopy – Please note that House B/Ls and Certified True Copies will not be accepted. House B/Ls may be accepted for LCL shipments.
 - Certified application submitted to National Plant Quarantine Service(NPQS) for Phytosanitary Certificate (signed by an authorized officer of NPQS)
3. Exporters should enter both B/L and Container numbers in Box no. 6 of the COO

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1. Exporters should include in the COO the declaration, which is shown in the specimen (Annex – III)
2. For both air-freight and sea-freight shipment, exporters should indicate in cage 36 of the CUSDEC the abbreviation of the applicable trade agreement (eg. ISFTA / PSFTA / SAFTA / SAPTA)
3. The DOC will be compelled to refuse issuance COO in the event of non-compliance with the above requirements.
4. In the case of air-freight shipments, the DOC may cancel the issued COO if the documents to be provided after the shipment are not submitted to the DOC within 10 calendar days from the date of shipment.
5. The DOC has the right to cancel any COO, if post-shipment verifications reveal that the exporting company, any of its representatives, agents or person nominated by it have made any false declarations, submitted false or fraudulent documents / statements or by word or deed misrepresented any facts relating to origin or any other relevant matter.

DETAILS OF STOCK/MERCHANDISE TO BE EXPORTED DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Company Name :
Complete Address :
Business Registration No :
DoC Registration No :
Address of storage facility :
Contact person and details :

Details of stock

No	HS Code	Product description	Available stock		Names, Addresses and Contact Details of local suppliers	Estimated Date of Shipment
			KG	Bags		

Date:

Company seal and signature

Please note that this is a sample affidavit; details in square brackets should be filled in as per exporter details. Please see additional notes for further information on completing this affidavit. Affidavits not following this format and notes will be rejected. This note should be deleted in the final affidavit. All text in italics should be deleted.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **[Full Name]**, holder of NIC No **[NIC Number]**, being a **[Religion]** do hereby solemnly, sincerely and truly (**affirm and declare/make oath and say**) as follows:

I am the affirmant above named

I wish to state that I am the **[Designation]** of **[Company Name]**, bearing Department of Commerce Registration Number **[DoC Registration Number]**, a company incorporated in Sri Lanka and having its registered office at **[Address as submitted to the Company Registrar]**.

I further state that my contact details are **[Telephone Number]** and **[Email]**

I wish to state that I am exporting, or intending to export under the following Agreements and countries *[see Note 3]*:

1. **[Agreement – Country]**
2. **[Agreement – Country]**

I state that the following goods shipped by us are wholly produced or obtained in Sri Lanka as defined in the applicable Agreement and that they were obtained in the manner indicated below.

HS Code (6 digit)	Product Description	How Obtained or Produced <i>[See Note 2 overleaf and indicate the appropriate method]</i>
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I further declare that the facts furnished by me in this Affidavit are true and correct.

The affirmant having read over and)
understood the contents hereof,)
affirmed/sworn to and signed at)
[Place] on this **[date]** day of **[Year]**)

Affirmant's signature and seal on a Rs.50 stamp

SIGNED BEFORE ME

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SIGNATURE & STAMP OF
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS/JP

Notes:

Note 1: Additional requirements for spices

Affidavits for spice exports should be **submitted per shipment** and contain the following additional details:

- a) Name and complete address of buyers
- b) Invoice number
- c) Name of Vessel
- d) Name of Shipping Line
- e) Bill of Lading Number
- f) Container Number
- g) Shipped on Board Date
- h) CUSDEC Number and Date

Note 2: How Obtained or Produced

Where several products are included in an affidavit and such products are obtained or produced in different ways, please indicate the method of production from the list below for each product.

- 1. Raw or mineral products extracted from Sri Lankan soil, water or sea bed;
- 2. Plant and plant goods, including agricultural, vegetable and forestry goods grown or harvested locally;
- 3. Live animals born and raised locally;
- 4. Goods obtained from animals born and raised locally;
- 5. Goods obtained by hunting, trapping, fishing or aquaculture conducted locally;
- 6. Goods of sea fishing and other marine from the high seas by local vessels
- 7. Products processed and/or made on board its factory ships exclusively from sea fishing and other marine products;
- 8. Used articles collected locally, fit only for the recovery of raw material
- 9. Waste and scrap resulting from manufacturing operations conducted locally
- 10. Extracted from the seabed or below seabed which is situated outside territorial waters, Sri Lanka has exclusive exploration rights;
- 11. Goods produced exclusively from the products wholly produced or obtained in Sri Lanka

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Note 3: List of Agreements

1. GSP EU
2. GSP Australia
3. GSP Belarus
4. GSP Canada
5. GSP Japan
6. GSP New Zealand
7. GSP Norway
8. GSP Russian Federation
9. GSP Switzerland
10. GSP Turkey
11. GSP USA
12. GSTP
13. APTA
14. SAFTA
15. SAPTA
16. ISFTA
17. PSFTA

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON SRI LANKA CUSTOMS
DECLARATION NO DATED

B/L NO