

## Important Notice to Exporters (Effective from 15.01.2021)

### 1. Issuance of Certificates of Origin (CoO) under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for commodities except Areca Nut and Black Pepper

The CoOs under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for commodities/products except Areca Nut and Black Pepper will be issued at the time of exportation (prior to on board date) and also after the goods are shipped.

Hence, the exporters who are applying for CoOs under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for the commodities referred to above, are **strongly advised to obtain CoOs at the time of exportation (prior to on board date)** in order to overcome retrospective issue.

### 2. Procedure for Issuing CoOs for Spices and Allied Products (Areca Nut, Black Pepper, Nutmeg, Mace, Cloves, Tamarind, Cardamom and Cinnamon) under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA

#### 2.1. For Nutmeg, Mace, Cloves, Tamarind, Cardamom and Cinnamon

##### a. Pre-shipment Inspection:

Export consignments will be subject to pre-shipment inspection (Pre-shipment inspection is temporarily exempted due to Covid 19).

##### b. Documents required:

For Air Freight Shipments	For Sea Freight Shipments
<b>Before the shipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial Invoice</li><li>Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II)</li></ul> <b>After the shipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A copy of the Airway Bill</li><li>Export Cusdec (Party's Copy)</li><li>A copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial Invoice</li><li>Cargo Dispatch Note</li><li>Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II)</li><li>Export Cusdec (Party's Copy)</li><li>Bill of Lading (Draft B/Ls are also accepted)</li></ul>

#### 2.2 For Areca Nut and Black Pepper

##### a. The CoOs will be issued **only after the shipment has been made.**

##### b. Pre-shipment Inspection:

- Export consignments will be subject to pre-shipment inspection (Pre-shipment inspection is temporarily exempted due to Covid 19).
- Exporters should send the details of the stock as per the attached format in **Annexure-I**, together with the relevant invoices and photographs of the stock.

##### c. Documents required:

For Air Freight Shipments	For Sea Freight Shipments
<b>Before the shipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial Invoice</li><li>Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II)</li></ul> <b>After the shipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A copy of the Airway Bill</li><li>Export Cusdec (Party's Copy)</li><li>A copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial Invoice</li><li>Cargo Dispatch Note</li><li>Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II)</li><li>Export Cusdec (Party's Copy)</li><li>Original Bill of Lading</li><li>Original application submitted to the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) for Phytosanitary Certificate (signed by an authorized officer of NPQS)</li><li>Photograph of showing container no. and the registration no. of the vehicle/trailer</li></ul>

## Important Notes:

1. **Spices and allied products exporters** should include,
  - both B/L No. and Container No in the CoO,
  - the declaration “This information is based on Sri Lanka Customs Declaration No. .... dated .....” in the CoO
2. **All exporters** should indicate in cage 36 of the Cusdec the abbreviation of the applicable trade agreement (Eg. ISFTA/PSFTA/SAFTA/SAPTA).
3. In the case of air freight shipments, the Department of Commerce 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.
4. The Department of Commerce has the right to cancel any CoO, if post-shipment verifications reveal that the exporting company, any of its representatives, agent 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.



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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>
<b>####.##</b>		

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