

REX System- EU GSP

Subject: Certification of Origin of Goods under the European Union Generalised System of Preferences (EU-GSP) - Modification of the system as of 1 January 2018.

The European Union (EU) has introduced a self-certification scheme known as “REX System” for certifying the origin of products under GSP from 01.01.2017 onwards and Sri Lanka agreed to apply the REX system from 01 January 2018. Under the REX System Certificates of Origin (COO) Form A is to be replaced by Statement on Origin (SOO), made out by exporters. In order to be entitled to make out a SOO for a value above 6000 EUR, an exporter will have to be registered by the Department of Commerce (DoC). The REX system is common to the GSP schemes in the EU, Norway and Switzerland. It will also apply to Turkey’s GSP scheme, once that country meets certain conditions. However, these GSP schemes may differ in terms of country and product coverage.

For more details please visit https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculation-customs-duties/rules-origin/general-aspects-preferential-origin/arrangements-list/generalised-system-preferences/the_register_exporter_system_en

Instructions to Exporters- REX System

1. Please duly complete REX-1 Form and submit in both PDF and word formats to DoC. Exporters are requested to commence registration under REX system with effective from 15/06/2017.
2. Exporter should duly complete REX-1 Form and in particular indicate the TIN no issued by the Department of Inland Revenue in the cage 1. (Please attach a certified true copy)
3. Please specify the HS codes in cage 4 of REX-2 Form **only for goods which have been approved by the DoC** (Cost Statements/ Affidavits/Material Sheets)
4. If there is any amendments or modifications to the registered data (provided by the exporter) such as adding new products, changes in the contact details, etc. please inform the DoC in writing immediately. Please note that additions for new products are subject to the prior approval from the DoC. SOO for the products which have not been approved by the DoC can not be issued by the exporters.
5. REX system will be effective from 01/01/2018 and the registered exporters will be eligible to make SOOs as per the format specified by EU (please refer to REX-3 Form) for the consignments above 6000 EUR. And SOO is not required for the consignments below 6000 EUR.
6. A SOO shall be made out for each consignment and will be valid for 12 months from the date on which it is made out. A SOO may be made out after exportation and it will be admitted in the EU if presented at the latest two years after the importation.

7. Exporters should submit on line to the DoC the shipment data as per REX-4 Form within two weeks from the on board date.
8. If data on a particular shipment is not made available to the DoC (using REX-4 Form) at the time of post verification, if any, it will be considered that the consignment in question was not sent from Sri Lanka
9. Contact for clarifications and suggestions

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10. Registration under REX system with DoC is free of charge.