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All Traders and Declaring Agents

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTS FROM PERU UNDER THE PERU-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (PeSFTA)

The PeSFTA will be implemented on 1 August 2009. This circular outlines the procedures for the claiming of preferential tariff for goods originating from Peru under PeSFTA.

Preferential Tariff for Imports

2. Imports of stout/porter, beer including ale, medicated samsu and other samsu (under HS codes 22030010, 22030090, 22089010, 22089020, 22089030 and 22089040) originating from Peru will be zero-rated. However, excise duty on these items will still be applicable at their respective rates.

Procedures for Claiming Preferential Tariff

3. An importer may claim preferential tariff based on a valid Certificate of Origin (CO) issued by the competent government authority designated by Peru. The CO must include the data elements specified in Annex 5A (Data Elements for the Certification of Origin) of the Agreement. A copy of the Annex 5A is attached to this Circular. If the CO is available at the time of import of the goods, traders can claim for preferential tariff when declaring the customs permits. However, if the customs value of the consignment does not exceed US\$1,500.00, the requirement for a CO will be waived.

4. If the CO is not available at the time of import, no preferential treatment will be accorded to the goods. The trader must declare both the customs and excise duty rates under 'Customs Duty Rate' and 'Excise Duty Rate' fields in the TradeNet[®] declaration. However, if the trader wishes to claim for preferential tariff, he must indicate in the 'Remarks' field the intention to claim for preferential tariff and to follow-up via refund application. Please submit the CO to Singapore Customs, Tariffs and Trade Services at Level 7, Revenue House, 55 Newton Road Singapore 307987, **within one week** of cargo release for verification.

Procedures for Release of Goods for Local Consumption

5. Traders claiming preferential tariff for **conventional** goods are required to produce the CO, and the In-Payment Permit showing the 'Customs Duty Rate' field as blank, together with the goods at the checkpoint for clearance. Officers from the Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) will endorse and retain the CO before releasing the goods at the checkpoints.

6. Traders claiming preferential tariff for **containerized** goods are required to produce the CO, and the In-Payment Permit, together with the goods to the Customs Officer at the place of unstuffing for verification. For goods bonded in a Licensed Warehouse (LW), traders can transmit an In-Payment Permit at preferential rate (ie with 'Customs Duty Rate' field blank) for release of the goods. For Direct Duty payment, the goods can be released to the importer immediately after unstuffing.

Rules of Origin for Exports to Peru and other Details

7. Information on Rules of Origin for exports to Peru under PeSFTA can be found in circular (No. 14/2009) dated 29 July 2009. Both circulars can be downloaded at <http://www.customs.gov.sg/>.

8. For other details on the PeSFTA, please refer to the Singapore's FTA website at http://www.fta.gov.sg/fta_pesfta.asp?hl=39

Enquiries

9. If you need further clarification on the contents of this circular, please send your enquiries to customs_roo@customs.gov.sg.



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ANNEX 5A : DATA ELEMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN

The data elements of the Certification of Origin shall be as follows:

1. legal name, address (including city and country), of the exporter;
2. legal name, address (including city and country), telephone number, fax number and email address of the producer, if known;
3. legal name, address (including city and country), telephone number, fax number and email address of the importer, if known;
4. description of the good(s) for which preferential tariff treatment is claimed, which shall contain sufficient details to relate it to the invoice description and the relevant code under the Harmonized System nomenclature;
5. Harmonized System classification at the six digit level for the good(s) for which preferential tariff treatment is claimed;
6. number and date of invoice;
7. country of origin;
8. origin criteria satisfied by the good(s), pursuant to paragraph 1(c) of Article 4.2 (Originating Goods), including, if it is the case, the detail of the change in tariff classification or the regional value content satisfied by the good(s);
9. date the Certification of Origin was signed;
10. name and signature of the representative authorized by law to act on behalf of the producing or exporting enterprise, who signs the Certification of Origin, and the named enterprise shall be constituted and registered according to the national law; and
11. declaration by the exporter: we hereby declare that the details and statements provided in this Certification are true and correct.

Signature, name, designation, date, stamp