

Attention

Pakistani Exporters to the European Union (EU)

A new system for issuance of Certificate of Origin (COO) by beneficiary countries has been introduced by EU effective January 1, 2017 to cover exports under the EU-GSP preferential tariff facility. Termed as Registered Exporter (REX) system, the new system will enable Pakistani exporters to issue the COO on their own as "Statement of Origin" (SOO) upon their registration into EU's REX database through TDAP. The REX system does not impact the rules for determining the origin of goods. It only concerns the method to certify the originating status of goods.

Pakistan is required to completely switch to the REX system by the end of December 2017. There will be an overlap of about 12 months when both existing and new systems will run in parallel. However, once an exporter is registered within REX, thenceforth he will issue the "Statement of Origin" himself by endorsing the invoice or any other commercial document and will not be eligible for getting the COO issued through TDAP.

Prescribed Application Form to be completed by exporters for REX registration may be obtained from concerned trade associations (or downloaded from TDAP website) and completed form routed through them to the TDAP after due verification. The data required by the Application Form is of a general nature comprising: exporter's name, address, and contact numbers; main activity (trader, producer or both); and an indicative list of goods to be exported.

Relevant documentation for operationalization of the REX system have already been submitted to the EU by Pakistan and TDAP will soon start the physical registration process upon receipt of data entry instructions and access to REX's online database. Further updates on the REX system will be available on TDAP website.

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