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All Traders and Declaring Agents

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTS FROM JORDAN UNDER THE SINGAPORE-JORDAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (SJFTA)

The SJFTA will be implemented on 22 August 2005. This circular outlines the procedures for the claiming of preferential tariff for goods originating from Jordan under SJFTA.

Preferential Tariff for Imports

2. With effect from 22 August 2005, preferential tariff will be accorded to goods originating from Jordan under SJFTA.
3. Imports of stout/porter, beer including ale, medicated samsu and other samsu (under HS codes 22030010, 22030090, 22089010, 22089020, 22089030 and 22089040) originating from Jordan will be zero-rated. However, excise duty on these items will still be applicable at their respective rates.

Procedures for Claiming Preferential Tariff

4. An importer may claim preferential tariff based on a valid Certificate of Origin (CO) issued by the government authority designated by Jordan. A specimen copy of the CO is attached at Annex A for your reference. 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 value of the consignment does not exceed US\$1,000.00, the requirement for a CO will be waived.
5. If the CO is not available at the time of import, no preferential treatment will be accorded to the goods. However, if the trader wishes to claim for preferential tariff, he must declare both the import and excise duty rates under 'Duty rate 1' and 'Duty rate 2' fields in the TradeNet declaration and also indicate in the 'Remarks' field the intention to claim for preferential tariff. In this instance, the trader is required to furnish the original CO to Singapore Customs, Documentation Specialists Branch at Level 7, Revenue House, 55 Newton Road Singapore 307987, **within one week** of release of the goods from the Customs Checkpoint for verification.

Procedures for Release of Goods for Local Consumption

6. Traders claiming preferential tariff for **conventional** goods are required to produce the original and triplicate copy of the CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) Permit showing the 'Duty rate 1' 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.

7 Traders claiming preferential tariff for **containerized** goods are required to produce the original and triplicate copy of the CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) 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 either the Joint or Pure Inward Permit at preferential rate (ie with 'Duty rate 1' 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 Jordan and other Details

8. Information on Rules of Origin for exports to Jordan under SJFTA can be found in circular (No 18/2005) dated 18 Aug 2005. Both circulars can be downloaded at <http://www.customs.gov.sg/>.


9 For other details on the SJFTA, please refer to MTI's website at http://www.mti.gov.sg/public/FTA/frm_FTA_Default.asp?sid=166.

Enquiries

10. If you need further clarification on the contents of this circular, please call our Customs Call Centre at telephone number 63552000.



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(1) Exporter & Address:	(1) المصدر وعنوانه :	 <p>غرفة صناعة اربد Irbid Chamber of Industry شهادة منشأ Certificate of Origin</p>			
(2) Corp. National No. :	(2) الرقم الوطني للمنشأة :				
(3) Producing Company:	(3) الشركة المنتجة :				
(4) Importer & Address:	(4) المستوردة وعنوانه :				
(5) Inv. No. :	(5) رقم الفاتور :	No. :	رقم :		
(6) Inv. Date:	(6) تاريخ الفاتورة :	Date:	تاريخ :		
(7) LC. No. :	(7) رقم الاعتماد :	(8) Country of Origin:	(8) بلد المنشأ :		
(9) Description of Goods		(10) Number & Kind of Packages & Shipping Marks	(11) Gross Wt.	(12) Net Wt.	(13) Value.
(9) القيمة الاجمالية					
Total Value					
(14) Remarks:		(14) ملاحظات			
تصديق وزارة الصناعة والتجارة Signature & Stamp of the Ministry of Industry and Trade		توقيع وإمضاء الغرفة Signature & Stamp of the Chamber			

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