

Applications of Retrospective or Retroactive Certificates of Origin for Non-Textile and Non-Controlled Products through TradeNet

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To : All Manufacturers Registered with
Export Certification Unit (ECU) of TDB

Since 1 Sep 98, TDB has made available to the business community the facilities to submit applications for retrospective/retroactive :

- a. Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) Form A
- b. Commonwealth Preference Certificate (CPC)
- c. Ordinary Certificate of Origin (CO)
- d. Certificate of Processing (CP) and
- e. Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Form D

for non-textile, non-controlled products (other than fresh-cut orchids and plants) to TDB for processing through TradeNet. Currently, TDB also accepts such Certificate applications for processing manually.

We wish to inform you that with effect from 1 Nov 99, all applications for retrospective/ retroactive GSP Form As, CPCs, COs, CPs and CEPT Form Ds should be submitted to TDB for processing through TradeNet except for :

- a. retrospective/retroactive CO applications for textile products, controlled products and applications for fresh-cut orchids and plants.
- b. back-to-back applications for GSP Form A/CEPT Form D. For such applications, exporters are advised to obtain a written approval from the overseas Customs Authority in the country of final destination that the overseas Customs Authority would accept the back-to-back GSP Form A/CEPT Form D issued by ECU, TDB. This is to ensure that your goods can enjoy the tariff concessions when entering the country of final destination.

We would like to encourage you to submit your Certificate of Origin applications through TradeNet for processing except for items (a) and (b) above. TradeNet is more convenient for you since you can submit such applications from the comfort of your office. After 1 year, most of the exporters are now familiar with the procedures to apply for retrospective/retroactive GSP Form A/CPC/CO/CP/CEPT Form D through TradeNet.

If you are already using the TradeNet in your office for your other trade documentation, we would advise you to contact your software vendor for more information on how to install and operate the module for the GSP Form A, CPC, CO, CP and CEPT Form D applications. Please refer to our circular dated 17 Aug 98 for the procedures for applying for retrospective/retroactive COs for Non-Textile, Non-Controlled Products via TradeNet (Application Type = 'NH'). Details of the circular dated 17 Aug 98 are available in our website address at :

[Certificate of Origin Circulars](#)

If you are not a TradeNet user and you wish to subscribe to become a user, please contact the Marketing Admin, Singapore Network Services Pte Ltd (SNS), at Tel. No. 778 5611. Alternatively,

you may wish to approach any freight forwarder or TradeNet Service Centre in Singapore that can file the applications for the documents through TradeNet on your behalf.

If you have further enquiries on the submission of CO applications through TradeNet, please call :

Customs Call Centre at Tel No - 63552000

REMINDER THAT EXPORT INVOICE DATE MUST BE ON OR BEFORE CO APPLICATION DATE

The Board had received enquiries from some overseas Customs Authorities on the Export Invoice date which was later than the approval date of the respective Certificates of Origin. Such consignments were held back by the overseas Customs Authorities pending our clarifications on the Export Invoice date.

To avoid inconveniences to the exporters for their consignments, we would advise that your Export Invoice must be dated on or before your CO application date.

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