

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Certificates of Origin

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To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders,
Cargo Agents and Carriers

We are pleased to list below for your information the answers to the FAQs by manufacturers, traders and declaring agents in applying for the Certificates of Origin (COs) and Textile Visas:

Question 1

My application for the Textile Certificate of Origin was rejected with "Please Check Country/Category Code & Total Quantity" message. Could you explain what was wrong with my application?

Answer

Your application may be rejected due to the errors declared in the following fields:

- a. wrong country of final destination; or
- b. the Textile Category No. declared does not match the valid category codes for the specified country of final destination; or
- c. wrong unit of measurement for the Textile Category No; or
- d. in the "Quota Balance" field, the total quantity declared for current shipment does not tally with the total quantity for the multiple items.

You need to check your application again, amend the errors and re-submit another fresh application.

Question 2

Can I apply for the back-to-back GSP Form A for my exports to Canada?

Answer

The Customs Authority of Canada does not accept Singapore-issued GSP Form A for foreign origin goods. Hence we are unable to issue any back-to-back GSP Form A for goods that are re-exported from Singapore to Canada under the GSP Scheme.

Question 3

I have a consignment of pullovers to be exported to France. How do I determine whether it belongs to Textile Category No. 4 or 5?

Answer

Textile category No. 4 describes pullovers that are made from material of lightweight or fine knit, while category No. 5 is for heavier material garment.

"Fine knit" means fine knitting comprising at least 12 stitches per cm both horizontally and vertically counted on one side of a sample measuring 10 cm by 10 cm.

Question 4

I have made mistakes on the Style No. and Carton No. details in the approved Textile Visa. Please advise on the amendment procedures.

Answer

You should type to cross-out the mistakes and re-type the correct Style/Carton No.

details in the approved Visa. You need to submit the document together with a letter explaining the amendment to TDB on the 8th floor, Bugis Junction Office Tower, for our endorsement.

Please note that if the amendment is for critical details such as Textile Quantity, Category Nos. or FOB value of the consignment etc, you would need to cancel the existing Visa and re-apply for a new Visa.

Question 5

My shipment is going to France directly from Indonesia. The buyer in France had requested for a GSP Form A. What is TDB's procedure for submitting the application of GSP Form A if the goods are of Indonesian origin.

Answer

As it is a direct shipment from Indonesia to France, TDB cannot issue any GSP Form A in Singapore. We can only issue the back-to-back GSP Form A for ASEAN-origin goods that are re-exported from Singapore.

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