

## 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):

### **Question 1**

I am a new TradeNet user. In my TradeNet application for the Textile Visa and Ordinary Certificate of Origin for export to USA, I have declared "OPA" in the Product Code field so that my application can be routed to the Outward Processing Unit (OPA) Section for processing. Why was my application rejected?

### **Answer**

Your application was rejected as you may have keyed the word "OPA" wrongly. You should have keyed in the first letter as the **alphabet "O"** instead of the **numeric zero**.

### **Question 2**

What is the fee for each application of Certificate of Origin (CO) submitted through TradeNet?

### **Answer**

For the CO application via TradeNet, an exporter is applying for both an Export Permit and a CO. Hence, the total fee is \$12.80 or \$6.40 for each approved document.

### **Question 3**

Currently, when my GSP Form A is approved, I receive 2 copies from TDB. Can I request TDB to print an additional copy as I need to present it to my Bank as stipulated in my Letter of Credit?

### **Answer**

Yes, at the time of declaration via TradeNet, there is a field whereby you can indicate the number of additional copies required. A fee of \$6.40 is payable for each additional copy obtained.

### **Question 4**

My TradeNet application for Export Permit and GSP Form A for export of ornamental fishes was rejected with the message "You have declared wrong Origin Criteria". How do I rectify the error?

### **Answer**

For exports to the GSP donor countries, the origin criteria to be declared should be "P" for ornamental fishes as these are wholly obtained products. Please note that you need not declare the remaining Origin Criterion details such as the 4-digit HS Code and the % Content, otherwise your application will be rejected by TDB. The above condition also covers invertebrates, orchids and aquatic plants which are considered as wholly obtained products.

**Question 5**

Can I apply for GSP Form A for my shipments of ornamental fishes to UK because my consignee still requires the document to clear the shipment through Customs?

**Answer**

With effect from 1 May 98, the European Union, including UK, has graduated Singapore from the GSP Scheme. With the graduation, products of Singapore origin do not enjoy GSP status. Hence the GSP Form A is not required for Customs clearance purposes.

However if your consignee still requires the GSP Form A, you could submit the GSP application in the usual manner together with a written confirmation from your consignee stating that his Customs Authority would require the Singapore GSP Form A. TDB will issue such GSP Form A on a case-by-case basis.

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