

# 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**

The Canadian Customs Authority has lifted the quota restraints on men's, boys' & children's tailored collar shirts (Cat 6) of Singapore origin with effect from 1 Jan 98. Do I still have to apply for a Certificate of Origin for these products after 1 Jan 98?

## **Answer**

You need not apply for a Certificate of Origin but you are required to declare an Export Permit for the above products when you export the products from Singapore.

## **Question 2**

Can I apply for an Ordinary Certificate of Origin from the Authorised Chambers of Commerce and Singapore Confederation of Industries for my exports of textiles and textile products to Norway?

## **Answer**

The Norwegian Authority has lifted all quotas for textiles and textile products with effect from 31 Dec 97. You may apply for an Ordinary Certificate of Origin from the Authorised Chambers of Commerce and Singapore Confederation of Industries from the same date.

## **Question 3**

I have recently exported a consignment of T-shirts to the US. What documents do I need to submit to TDB to obtain a Singapore Certificate of Origin?

## **Answer**

The exports of T-shirts of Singapore origin are subjected to quota restraint when they are exported to Canada, EU and the USA. You must ensure that the registered manufacturer of the product has the required textile quotas before you apply for the Textile Visa and/or Ordinary Certificate of Origin for the consignment.

For more information on the textiles and textile products that are to be exported to the quota countries, you may contact the Customs Call Centre at Tel No. 63552000.

## **Question 4**

My Certificate of Origin was lost during transit to my buyer. What must I do to replace the lost Certificate of Origin?

## **Answer**

If the Certificate of Origin sent to your buyer is lost, stolen or destroyed, you may apply for a certified true copy from the TDB. The following documents must be submitted with your written request:

- a) 3 copies of Certificate of Origin (affix a \$10 TDB revenue stamp on the third copy of the Certificate); and

b) 1 copy of Duplicate copy of approved Certificate of Origin

**Question 5**

I will be re-exporting a consignment of China-origin goods to EU. My buyer in EU wants a Singapore-issued GSP Form A from me. Where can I obtain the GSP Form A?

**Answer**

TDB is the local issuing authority for GSP Form A. However, as your goods are not of Singapore origin, we are unable to issue the GSP Form A to you. You should inform your buyer that you are unable to obtain a Singapore GSP Form A for the goods as it had originated from China.

**Question 6**

I have bought some goods from Indonesia and my supplier has given me a Indonesian Form B. Can TDB re-issue another Form B for my Indonesian-origin goods that will be re-exported from Singapore to EU?

**Answer**

The Indonesian Form B is equivalent to our Ordinary Certificate of Origin. TDB does not issue Ordinary Certificates of Origin for goods of foreign origin. However, you may apply for the Ordinary Certificate of Origin from any of the Authorised Chambers of Commerce, Singapore Confederation of Industries and Singapore Commodity Exchange (for rubber products only) as they are authorised by TDB to issue Ordinary Certificates of Origin for both local and foreign origin goods.

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