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Free Trade Agreements: Information on Customs requirements

Australia has entered into a number of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with trading partners and introduced a range of trade initiatives. To ensure that Customs clients have adequate information relating to the Customs aspects of these FTAs and initiatives, the *Rules of Origin* web page on the Customs Internet site contains information regarding Customs requirements.

The site can be located from the Customs home page by selecting the

**Import/Export** button from the menu on the left, then selecting the **Preferential**

**- rules of origin** button on the drop-down menu. This page contains a list of countries with which Australia has instituted FTAs or trade initiatives. From this page, select the country agreement for which your query relates.

The above Customs website address for information that includes preferential rules of origin, certificates of origin or compliance in relation to preferential rules of origin, is: <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=4401>

Selections available are: New Zealand (ANZCERTA)

Forum Islands (including Fiji) (SPARTECA) Singapore (SAFTA)

Canada (CANATA)

Developing countries/ least developed countries (DC & LDC)

United States (AUSFTA) Thailand (TAFTA)

Each agreement’s web page contains information including but not limited to:

* **Australian Customs Notices -** these notices contain information specific to the selected agreement regarding rules of origin, tariff changes, and how to claim preference;
* **Australian Customs Service Manuals -** manuals specific to the selected agreement offer a comprehensive reference of Customs origin matters, containing an A - Z detail of all Customs aspects of the FTA;
* **Legislation -** All legislation relevant to the country selected, eg Customs Act, Tariff Act and relevant Regulations that affect the FTAs, is available;



* **Claiming preference under the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) -** This document provides a guide to the requirements to claim preferential tariff rates under the ICS;
* **Origin rulings -** Information on the use of origin rulings and the requirements on how to request a ruling; and
* **Claim of Origin -** Information relating to evidence required when making an origin claim - that is, requirements for certificates of origin, declarations of origin or evidence of origin.

Inquiries concerning this notice may be directed to the Valuation and Origin Section by email to [origin@customs.gov.au](mailto:origin@customs.gov.au) or telephone (02) 6275 6556, or facsimile (02) 6275 6477.

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