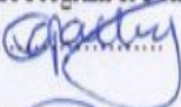






REGISTERED EXPORTERS REX SYSTEM

CUSTOMS DIVISION

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INTRODUCTION

Registered Exporter (REX) System is based on a principle of self-certification by economic operators who will make the 'statements on Origin'. An economic operator will have to be registered in a database at Classification, Valuation and Origin (CVO) Unit, Customs Division at Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC). The economic operator will become a 'registered exporter'.

Once the REX system comes into effect the EUR1 certificate will phase out.



OBJECTIVE

The REX system will simplify export formalities by allowing the registered exporter to certify the preferential origin himself by including a specific declaration



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Registered Exporter is not obliged to apply upon each export for issue of certificate of origin
- Once the REX number is assigned to him/her, the exporter may use it for all his exports under preferential arrangement where the system of certification of origin is applied the REX system

REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS

Submission of Registration Application in the REX System.

Any exporter wishing to self-certify the preferential origin of goods exported under the EU-ESA iEPA must first apply for registration in the REX System by filling out a pre-application form available on the EU website at the following link:

<https://customs.ec.europa.eu/rex-pai/index.html>



EXPORTER INFORMATION

- Exporter's TIN
- Exporter name and full address
- Country: Seychelles

**The above information should at all times be provided.*

1. Exporter Information

Application Language

English ▼

TIN number

TIN number

Name

Name

Street And Number

Street And Number

Post Code

Post Code

City

City

Country



E-mail Address

E-mail Address

Fax Number

Fax Number

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

EXPORTER CONTACT PERSONS INFORMATION

Details of the exporter’s contact person/s (e.g. the person in charge of origin matters in the company)

2. Exporter Contact Persons Information

Name	Street And Number	Post Code	City	Country	E-mail address	Phone	Fax	Edit	Delete
No data available in table									

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EXPORTER ACTIVITIES

The exporter’s main activity (production or trading) of the products to be expected)

3. Exporter Activities

Production

Trading

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UNDERTAKINGS TO BE GIVEN BY AN EXPORTER

The undertaking to be given by the exporter (name & job title of the person authorized to declare the information in the pre-application form)

5. Undertakings to be given by an Exporter	
Place of signature of Authorised Signatory	<input type="text" value="Place of signature of Authorised Signatory"/>
Authorised Signatory Name	<input type="text" value="Authorised Signatory Name"/>
Authorised Signatory Job Title	<input type="text" value="Authorised Signatory Job Title"/>

CONSENT OF EXPORTER

The exporter can declare his consent for the publication on the EU website of the data filled out in the REX pre-application form, by ticking the "Indication of consent of exporter to the publication of his/her data on the public website" box. In case the exporter does not give his consent, then only an anonymous subset of data will be published which is however sufficient to verify the validity of a registration number.

Data of exporters registered to the REX System is accessible at the following address, by writing in the appropriate box the REX number of the concerned exporter:

https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/eos/rex_home.jsp?L%20ang=en

6. Prior specific and informed consent of exporter to the publication of his data on the public website

Indication of consent of exporter to the publication of his/her data on the public website ☐

Place of signature of
the Authorised
Signatory

Place of signature of the Authorised Signatory

Authorised Signatory
Name

Authorised Signatory Name

Authorised Signatory
Job Title

Authorised Signatory Job Title

TRANSMISSION OF THE REX APPLICATION FORM (AREX FORM) TO THE CUSTOMS DIVISION

Once completed the pre-application form, the exporter has to validate the information entered by typing the text that appears at the bottom left of the screen in the 'Text in image' box, and then click 'proceed' button. The system will generate a REX Application Form (AREX Form, See Diagram 1-3) that must be printed out and signed and send jointly with the information sheet see diagram 4 duly filled out, to the CVO Unit, Customs Division of the Seychelles Revenue Commission. (Both documents must be submitted physically to Customs Division (to the Customs House Newport) or electronically to:

cvo@src.gov.sc

DIAGRAM 1

Annex I: Application to become a registered exporter

1. Exporter's name, full address and country, EORI or TIN (2).

2. Contact details including telephone and fax number as well as e-mail address where available.

3. Specify whether the main activity is producing or trading.

4. Indicative description of goods which qualify for preferential treatment, including indicative list of Harmonised System headings (or chapters where goods traded fall within more than twenty Harmonised System headings).

5. Undertakings to be given by an exporter

The undersigned hereby:

- declares that the above details are correct,
- certifies that no previous registration has been revoked; conversely , certifies that the situation which led to any such revocation has been remedied,
- undertakes to make out statements on origin only for goods which qualify for preferential treatment and comply with the origin rules specified for those goods in the Generalised System of Preferences,
- undertakes to maintain appropriate commercial accounting records for production/supply of goods qualifying for preferential treatment and to keep them for at least 3 years from the end of the calendar year in which the statement on origin was made out,
- undertakes to immediately notify the competent authority of changes as they arise to his registration data since acquiring the number of registered exporter,
- undertakes to cooperate with the competent authority,

Diagram 2

- undertakes to accept any checks on the accuracy of his statements on origin, including verification of accounting records and visits to his premises by the European Commission or Member States' authorities, as well as the authorities of Norway, Switzerland and Turkey (applicable only to exporters in beneficiary countries),
- undertakes to request his removal from the system, should he no longer meet the conditions for exporting any goods under the scheme,
- undertakes to request his removal from the system, should he no longer intend to export such goods under the scheme.

Place, date, signature of authorised signatory, name and job title

6. Prior specific and informed consent of exporter to the publication of his data on the public website

The undersigned is hereby informed that the information supplied in this declaration may be disclosed to the public via the public website. The undersigned accepts the publication of this information via the public website. The undersigned may withdraw his consent to the publication of this information via the public website by sending a request to the competent authorities responsible for the registration.

Place, date, signature of authorised signatory, name and job title

7. Box for official use by competent authority

The applicant is registered under the following number:

Registration Number: _____

Date of registration _____

Date from which the registration is valid _____

Signature and stamp _____

Diagram 3

Information notice

concerning the protection and processing of personal data incorporated in the system

1. Where the European Commission processes personal data contained in this application to become a registered exporter, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data will apply. Where the competent authorities of a beneficiary country or a third country implementing Directive 95/46/EC process personal data contained in this application to become a registered exporter, the relevant national provisions of the aforementioned Directive will apply.
2. Personal data in respect of the application to become a registered exporter are processed for the purpose of EU GSP rules of origin as defined in the relevant EU legislation. The said legislation providing for EU GSP rules of origin constitutes the legal basis for processing personal data in respect of the application to become a registered exporter.
3. The competent authority in a country where the application has been submitted is the controller with respect to processing of the data in the REX system.

The list of competent authorities/customs departments is published on the website of the Commission.
4. Access to all data of this application is granted through a user ID/password to users in the Commission, the competent authorities of beneficiary countries and the customs authorities in the Member States, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.
5. The data of a revoked registration shall be kept by the competent authorities of the beneficiary country and the customs authorities of Member States in the REX system for 10 calendar years. This period shall run from the end of the year in which the revocation of a registration has taken place.
6. The data subject has a right of access to the data relating to him that will be processed through the REX system and, where appropriate, the right to rectify erase or block data in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 or the national laws implementing Directive 95/46/EC. Any requests for right of access, rectification, erasure or blocking shall be submitted to and processed by the competent authorities of beneficiary countries and the customs authorities of Member States responsible for the registration, as appropriate. Where the registered exporter has submitted a request for the exercise of that right to the Commission, the Commission shall forward such requests to the competent authorities of the beneficiary country or the customs authorities of Member States concerned, respectively. If the registered exporter failed to obtain his rights from the controller of data, the registered exporter shall submit such request to the Commission acting as controller. The Commission shall have the right to rectify, erase or block the data.
7. Complaints can be addressed to the relevant national data protection authority. The contact details of the national data protection authorities are available on the web-site of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice: (http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/bodies/authorities/eu/index_en.htm#h2-1).

Where the complaint concerns processing of data by the European Commission, it should be addressed to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) (<http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/>).

Diagram 4

INFORMATION SHEET FOR REGISTRATION IN THE REX SYSTEM

Originating products to be exported		Main materials used in the manufacture of the product			Nature of the processing or transformation operations carried out in Seychelles
Tariff heading	Commercial designation	Tariff heading	Commercial designation	Country of origin	

Signature

PROCESSING OF THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION IN THE REX SYSTEM

If all data in the AREX form is complete and all the information provided is correct, and the control carried out is successful the CVO Unit will proceed with the registration of the exporter in the REX system. The AREX form is validated and the CVO Unit will assign a REX number to the exporter which is sent through email. If the AREX form is rejected, a justification of the refusal is sent to the applicant by email.



SELF-CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN

After being satisfied that the preferential origin criteria of the EU-ESA iEPA are met before each shipment, the exporter is authorised to self-certify the origin of the products by including the following statement of origin on the invoice, a delivery note or any other commercial document describing the products concerned in sufficient detail to enable them to be identified:

The exporter of the products covered by this document declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of Seychelles preferential origin.

REX number: _____

(Place and date) *

** The indication of the place and of the date may be omitted if such information is already contained on the invoice, delivery note or any other commercial document describing the products.*

Exporters are informed that in case of indication in the statement on origin of an incorrect or inaccurate origin, the CVO Unit shall revoke the registration in the REX system, which will preclude them the possibility to issue statements on origin above the 6,000 EUR threshold. In case of revocation, the exporter can re-apply for the REX registration by re-submitting the pre-application form described in the Section.

(Registration of Exporters) above

CRITERIA FOR ORIGIN DETERMINATION UNDER THE IEPA AND DEROGATION

According to Article 2.2 of the Protocol 1 to the EU-ESA iEPA, products that are wholly obtained in Seychelles are considered of Seychelles origin and are eligible to benefit from the tariff preferences established by the Agreement when imported into the EU[1].

On the other hand, products manufactured in Seychelles which incorporate materials not wholly obtained in the country, are considered of Seychelles origin if non-originating materials have undergone a “sufficient working or processing” therein. In order to be considered as sufficiently worked or processed, not wholly obtained materials must fulfil the conditions set out in Annex II

This quota has been shared among the tuna exporting countries of those ESA countries that have initiated the Agreement; namely Mauritius, Seychelles and Madagascar. Seychelles has obtained 3000 tonnes for preserved tuna and 750 tonnes for tuna loins from non-ACP countries or non-EU countries. The rule establishes that non-originating materials can be incorporated in the product to be exported to the EU without the latter losing the Seychelles origin status, on condition that such materials are classified within a HS Chapter other than that of the product, as shown in the table 1 below.

Table 1: Derogations ex Decision No 1/2022 of the ESA-EU Customs

Order No.	Combined Nomenclature	Description of goods	Period	Annual quota for exports from ESA EPA States into the European Union (metric tonnes, net weight)	Product Specific Rule of Origin
09.1618	1604 14 21, 31 and 41 1604 14 28, 38 and 48 ex 1604 20 70 (1)	Preserved tuna (2)	From 1 January to 31 December	8 000	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a chapter other than that of the product
09.1619	1604 14 26, 36 and 46	Tuna loins	From 1 January to 31 December	2 000	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a chapter other than that of the product

(1) TARIC codes 1604 20 70 30, 1604 20 70 40, 1604 20 70 50, 1604 20 70 92 and 1604 20 70 94.

(2) In any form of packaging whereby the product is considered as preserved within the meaning of HS heading 1604.

Derogation – Decision No 1/2022 of the ESA-EU Customs Cooperation Committee of 19 October 2022.

In order to benefit from the above derogations, concerned exporters shall add to the statement on origin featured above, as indicated in red ink below Table 1.

OBLIGATIONS OF REGISTERED EXPORTERS

Registered exporters are obliged to:

- Retain, in accordance to National legislation, all documents relating to the materials used in the manufacturing process of the exported product and all appropriate documents proving the originating status of the products concerned;
- Put at the disposal of the Customs Division, in the event of origin investigations, all documents and supporting evidence proving the preferential origin of the exported goods. Origin investigations may include verification visits at the exporter's premises by the Customs Division.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The registration in the REX system is done by the exporter once. The REX number which is assigned to an exporter is valid for all exports to EU countries.

A registered exporter has the obligation to communicate to the Customs Division all changes related to data registered in the REX system (ex: change of address, change of contact person/s details, new product/s that the exporter intends to export preferentially to the EU, etc.). In order to obtain the modification of his registration data, the registered exporter must apply in writing to the CVO Unit of the Customs Division (to the address – either physical or electronic – indicated in the Section A.2 above), by specifying the data to be updated.

The obligation to keep the above-mentioned documents also concerns the company issuing a supplier's declaration [1] on behalf of its customer, including the invoice, delivery notes or other commercial documents annexed to such a declaration (art. 32.3, Protocol I to the EU-ESA iEPA). As stated in the National Legislation all exporters should keep all documents for a period of seven (7) years.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All information on the REX system are available at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/calculation-customs-duties/rulesorigin/general-aspects-preferential-origin/arrangements-list/generalisedsystempreferences/the_register_exporter_system_en

In addition, the following resources are available on the website of the EU Commission:

Online Help on the creation of the REX Pre Application:

https://customs.ec.europa.eu/rex-paui/html/manual/rex_create_pre_application.html?ms=AA%3D%3D&st=MA%3D%3D&sct=MA%3D%3D&mw=MjQw

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