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All Traders and Declaring Agents

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTS FROM INDIA UNDER THE INDIA-SINGAPORE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT (CECA)

The CECA will be implemented on 1 August 2005. This circular outlines the procedures for the claiming of preferential tariff for goods originating from India under CECA.

Preferential Tariff for Imports

2. With effect from 1 August 2005, preferential tariff will be accorded to goods originating from India under CECA.
3. Imports of stout/porter, beer including ale, medicated samsu and other samsu (under HS codes 22030010, 22030090, 22089010, 22089020, 22089030 and 22089040) originating from India will be zero-rated. However, excise duty on these items will still be applicable at their respective rates.

Procedures for Claiming Preferential Tariff

4. An importer may claim preferential tariff based on a valid Certificate of Origin (CO) issued by the government authority designated by India. A specimen copy of the CO is attached at Annex A for your reference. If the CO is available at the time of import of the goods, traders can claim for preferential tariff when declaring the customs permits.
5. If the CO is not available at the time of import, no preferential treatment will be accorded to the goods. However, if the trader wishes to claim for preferential tariff, he must declare both the import and excise duty rates under 'Duty rate 1' and 'Duty rate 2' fields in the TradeNet declaration and also indicate in the 'Remarks' field the intention to claim for preferential tariff. In this instance, the trader is required to furnish the original CO to Singapore Customs, Documentation Specialists Branch at Level 7, Revenue House, 55 Newton Road Singapore 307987, **within one week** of release of the goods from the Customs Checkpoint for verification.

Procedures for Release of Goods for Local Consumption

6. Traders claiming preferential tariff for **conventional** goods are required to produce the original and triplicate copy of the CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) Permit showing the 'Duty rate 1' field as blank, together with the goods at the checkpoint for clearance. Officers from the Immigration and Checkpoint Authority (ICA) will endorse and retain the CO before releasing the goods at the checkpoints.

7 Traders claiming preferential tariff for **containerized** goods are required to produce the original and triplicate copy of the CO, and the Duty Payment (DP) Permit, together with the goods to the Customs Officer at the place of unstuffing for verification. For goods bonded in a Licensed Warehouse (LW), traders can transmit either the Joint or Pure Inward Permit at preferential rate (ie with 'Duty rate 1' field blank) for release of the goods. For Direct Duty payment, the goods can be released to the importer immediately after unstuffing.

Rules of Origin for Exports to India and other Details

8. Information on Rules of Origin for exports to India under India-Singapore CECA can be found in circular (No 16/2005) dated 22 Jul 2005. Both circulars can be downloaded at <http://www.customs.gov.sg/>.

9 For other details on the India-Singapore CECA, please refer to MTI's website at http://www.mti.gov.sg/public/FTA/frm_FTA_Default.asp?sid=153

Enquiries

10. If you need further clarification on the contents of this circular, please call our Customs Call Centre at telephone number 63552000.



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Original (Duplicate/Triplicate/Quadruplicate)

1. Goods consigned from (Exporter's business name, address, country)			Reference No. INDIA-SINGAPORE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT (Combined Declaration and Certificate) Issued in: India See Notes Overleaf		
2. Goods consigned to (Consignee's name, address, country)					
3. Means of transport and route (as far as known) Departure date Vessel's name/Aircraft etc. Port of Discharge			4. For Official Use <input type="checkbox"/> Preferential Treatment Given Under ISCECA <input type="checkbox"/> Preferential Treatment Not Given (Please state reasons) Signature of Authorised Signatory of the Importing Country		
5. Item number	6. Marks and numbers on packages	7. Number and type of packages, description of goods (including quantity where appropriate and HS number of the importing country)	8. Origin criterion (see Notes overleaf)	9. Gross weight or other quantity and value (FOB)	10. Number and date of invoices
11. Declaration by the exporter The undersigned hereby declares that the above details and statement are correct; that all the goods were produced in (Country) and that they comply with the origin requirements specified for these goods in the ISCECA for the goods exported to (Importing Country) Place and date, signature of authorised signatory			12. Certification It is hereby certified, on the basis of control carried out, that the declaration by the exporter is correct. Place and date, signature and stamp of certifying authority		