

Say Hello to REX



Changes to documentary requirements for the Generalised System of Preferences Scheme (GSP) which will apply from 1 January 2017

The Registered Exporter's system (REX) is a new self-certification system for exporters which will replace the system of certification of origin by public authorities as of 1 January 2017. This means Form A and EUR1 forms for use with GSP will no longer be required or accepted.

Instead exporters will be required to register electronically with the competent authorities in the country of export (this must be a GSP beneficiary country of course). This registration information will be communicated to the European Commission by the beneficiary country's competent government authority.

The European Commission will establish a central data-base of registered exporters, through which importers will be required to check, before declaring goods for release for free circulation, that their supplier is a registered exporter in the beneficiary country concerned.

The Registered Exporter will insert a statement of origin and their registered number on a commercial document such as an invoice, delivery note or packing list, which can be transmitted and stored electronically.

Importers should therefore always be able to obtain the required statement and have it available for presentation if necessary, at the time of release of the goods to free circulation and should no longer have to provide security for the full rate of duty payable because the required proof of origin is not available at the time preference is claimed.

Whilst the registration process itself will not involve approval or authorisation of the origin status of the exporter or his/her products, the aim is to identify who is exporting under GSP and to identify the goods they are exporting. There will then be targeted post-export controls, audits and checks to ensure that the exporter and the goods qualify for GSP. This is a further move towards risk based assessment rather than the current broad system of wasteful, expensive and disruptive paper based and physical checks.

EU companies who wish to export materials, components and parts to GSP beneficiary countries under the bilateral cumulation arrangements will also be required to register on REX.

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