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Until June 30, 2018, exporters from India, Angola, Congo, Nepal and other GSP countries need to register in the EU Register of Exporters (REX system). After this date, FORM A certificates can no longer be used to certify origin for goods traded between such countries and the European Union.



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Registered exporter system (REX) is the self-certification origin tool applied inside the Generalised System of Tariff Preferences (GSP) where the EU unilaterally grants tariff preferences to less developed countries, starting with January 2017.

India, Angola, Congo, Bhutan, Burundi, Chad, Comoros, Kiribati, Mozambique, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Yemen, Zambia Certain GSP countries have postponed application of the new REX origin rules, until 30th June, 2018.

Therefore, exporters from the above countries can issue FORM A certificates in trade with originating products with the EU only until June 30th 2018.

After this date, certification of origin will need to be performed by a "statement on origin" only if such exporters are registered in the EU REX system.

What to do?

If you import goods originating from the above countries, in order to benefit from tariff preferences upon their importation in the EU (reduced or null customs duties) after June 30th, 2018, we recommend to ensure that your suppliers are registered in the REX system and can still provide you with a proof of origin.

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