



Customs and Trade Alert

Additional verifications for certain exports to the US and EU

Introduction

The Department of Foreign Trade released an announcement on additional verification requirements for exporters of selected products who wish to request for a non-preferential certificate of origin (CO) for export to the US and EU. The new verification requirements became effective from 1 August 2022 onwards.

What to Know?

In the past years, the US and EU have imposed a number of anti-dumping measures on imports of various Chinese goods. Authorities in both territories have also expressed concerns about Chinese suppliers potentially circumventing the anti-dumping measures by rerouting the goods through Southeast Asian countries, including Thailand. The Thai Department of Foreign Trade (DFT) has recognized the potential for circumvention through Thailand and has now imposed additional evidence requirements for exporters that wish to obtain a non-preferential CO for export of “goods under surveillance” to the US or EU. These additional requirements aim to minimize the possibility for exporters to falsely claim that their goods originate from Thailand.

In its Announcement, the DFT has listed a total of 42 products which are covered by antidumping duties in the US (34 products) and the EU (8 products) if originating from China. The goods include stainless steel, mattresses, automotive parts, electronic components, solar panels, electric motors, tires, e-bikes and more.

Exporters of these products from Thailand to the US or EU who wish to obtain a non-preferential CO, will have to file a request for origin qualification verification to the DFT with evidence to support the Thai origin. In addition, the DFT may request to conduct an on-site review of the company’s manufacturing/storage operations.

What can you do?

Companies in Thailand who export to the US and EU must verify whether any of their export products are covered in the DFT Announcement and take note of the new requirements for the goods “under surveillance”.

Exporters whose products are covered must ensure to comply with the requirements before requesting the non-preferential CO. Non-compliance with the origin qualification requirements or providing false information can lead to the suspension of CO issuance and/or termination of the verification result by the DFT. Other penalties may also be imposed.

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