



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND TRADE
Directorate General for EU and External Relations

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Subject: Proofs Of Origin/Movement Certificates

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would hereby ask for the acceptance of the assurances of my highest consideration and express my most profound and cordial gratitude for your Administration.

As you may be concerned, having acceded to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1947 (GATT) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) (since 1995), Turkey has concluded Free/Preferential Trade Agreements in line with Article XXIV of GATT 1947. Without prejudice to the WTO provisions, the Customs Union between Turkey and the EU also constitutes the major legal basis of Turkey's free trade agreements (FTA).

I would hereby inform you that Turkey has 24 FTA/PTAs currently in force with EFTA, the EU (ECSC products and Agricultural products), Israel, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Palestine, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Albania, Georgia, Montenegro, Serbia, Chile, Jordan, Mauritius, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Faroe Islands, Moldova, Iran and D/8 Countries.

As you may be well aware, proofs of origin or movement certificates are used in order to benefit from advantageous or zero duty rates in preferential trade between those parties. In this respect, allow me to introduce you our new system developed for these certificates to be issued and endorsed by Turkish Customs Offices in electronic way.

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As a result of the implementation, the document having a printed green guilloche pattern background will be printed as containing all necessary information declared by the exporter or his/her legal representative electronically in the system. There will be no longer any original (wet-ink) customs stamps impressed in related Box for the customs endorsement of the printed document. Instead, the specimen of our new customs cachets of which a copy is enclosed herewith will appear in that Box.

The system will be gradually introduced as follows:

For A.TR Movement Certificates: **14 May 2018**

(As of 24 April 2018 a pilot scheme would be introduced for the Certificates endorsed by the Customs Offices under the competence of Orta Anadolu Regional Directorate for Customs and Trade. Besides, it would be applicable for the Certificates issued in Simplified Procedure as of 2 July 2018.)

For other Certificates and Documents: **28 May 2018**

(i.e. Movement Certificates of EUR.1 and EUR-MED, D-8 Proofs/Certificates of Origin, Iran Proofs/Certificates of Origin, Malaysia Proofs/Certificates of Origin.)

Transitional Period: Until **1 January 2019** Documents could be issued in both ways (under normal procedure or electronically) .

Besides, Certificates of Origin based on non-preferential rules of origin would be covered by the new implementation even they are not endorsed by the Customs Offices.

We cordially hope that this new implementation will not only empower the proper functioning of issuance of documents but also decrease subsequent verification requests sent to our Ministry as new readable customs cachets are applied.

In this regard, I would like to kindly request you to take necessary steps at the level of your Administration in due course to accept those kind of proofs of origin and movement certificates issued and endorsed in electronic way by our Customs Offices.

Please accept, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Acting Director General for the
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(e-signed)

Encl.: Specimen of new customs cachet

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- The EU Member States' Customs Administrations
- EFTA Secretariat and EFTA Member States' Customs Administrations
- D/8 Secretariat
- Israel Customs Administration
- Macedonia Customs Administration
- Bosnia-Herzegovina Customs Administration
- Palestine Customs Administration
- Tunisia Customs Administration
- Morocco Customs Administration
- Egypt Customs Administration
- Albania Customs Administration
- Georgia Customs Administration
- Montenegro Customs Administration
- Serbia Customs Administration
- Chile Customs Administration
- Jordan Customs Administration
- Mauritius Customs Administration
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