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EFTA-GCC Free Trade Agreement; certificates of origin

Decision no. 2/2015 of 27 May 2015 of the Joint Committee of the EFTA-GCC Free Trade Agreement will enter into force on 1 July 2015.

1 Content of the Decision

Instead of the movement certificate EUR.1, GCC countries can also use certificates of origin as proof of origin in accordance with the Annex to the Decision of the Joint Committee. A specimen certificate of origin is enclosed.

It is anticipated that the competent authorities of GCC countries will validate certificates of origin from 1 July 2015 and in line with this, it will then be possible to conduct preferential customs clearance in Switzerland.

The certificates of origin from GCC countries do not need to have a guilloche-pattern background. In addition, stamps and signatures can be affixed (printed) electronically.

2 Pending provisional assessments in Switzerland

Provisional assessments which are pending because of a missing certificate of origin from a GCC country can be completed under the free trade agreement using the preferential rate if the competent FOCBS customs office is presented with a formally valid certificate of origin issued in a GCC country (or a formally valid movement certificate).

3 Exports to GCC countries

Swiss movement certificates should continue to be used. During the talks which took place recently between EFTA representatives and officials of GCC customs administrations, import procedures in GCC countries were also discussed. It can be assumed that indicating the six-digit HS number (box 8) and the invoice number (box 10) on the movement certificate facilitates import clearance. It is thus recommended that this information be systematically indicated on movement certificates to GCC countries.

4 Documents

The documents available on the internet will be revised.

5 Entry into force

These changes will enter into force on 1 July 2015.



CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

COUNTRY EMBLEM

1. Producer (Name & Full Address.)			2. No: Date:		
3. Exporter (Name & Full Address)			4. Consignee (Name, Full Address & Country)		
5. Country of Final Destination.			6. Means of Transport Vessel's Name/Flight No.(optional)		
7. Country of Origin of Goods			8. Remarks.		
9. Marks & Numbers of Packages.	10. HS Code	11. Description of Goods	12. Quantity & Unite	13. weight (gross)	14. No. & Date of invoice
15. CERTIFICATION BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY Signature: Date: Stamp:			16. DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER Signature: Date:		