

Documentation FAQ's

Will UK certs of origin will be available from 1st January 2021.

Yes. Regardless of a deal or not the UK will issue UK Certificates of Origin from the 1st January 2021.

Will I be able to raise EC/EU certs of origin after the 31st December 2020?

No. Under no circumstances will you be able to raise EC certs of origin.

What happens if we need to cancel & replace an EC certificate of origin after we leave the EU?

A UK Certificate of Origin would be issued with details of the EC Certificate in Box 5 as normal.

What happens when a Letter of Credit or contract asks for an EC Certificate of origin after we leave the EU?

The Letter of Credit would need to be amended.

Do we know which markets currently requiring EU Certs of Origin will require UK Certs of Origin in the event of a no deal Brexit so as to access preferential tariff rates based on EU FTA's?

Non-preference certificates of origin do not grant access to preferential tariff rates. We expect all countries that previously accepted EC Certificates of Origin to still require and accept UK Certificates of Origin.

Will the Arab Indemnity letter change?

Yes. A new version of the Arab Indemnity letter will be available

How do we dispose of unused EC Certificates of Origin?

Certificates of Origin held are to be shredded

Do we know if markets with FTA's with the EU will accept Invoices with EU Declaration and/or EC Cert of Origin and/or EUR1 for orders that had already been dispatched prior to the exit date but arrive after the exit date, or if amended documents will be required?

Both the EU and the UK have said that documents issued for goods leaving the UK before we leave the EU are legal and should be honoured.

How is origin declared

Origin determination in the main will not change for non-preference certificates of origin. However, declaring origin in box 3 on a UK certificate of origin UK origin can no longer be declared under European Community, it will need to be shown United Kingdom origin, then followed any other individual countries of origin in alphabetical order.

For the new UK preference EUR1 the rules as set out in the individual trade agreements are to be followed

Can UK certificate of Origin be raised with an EC multinational in the Consignor Box?

UK company in the Consignor Box – it cannot have just an EC multinational address

Can an UK certificate of Origin be raised for goods being shipped from the EU?

A UK Certificate of Origin can be issued if the following criteria are met:

UK Establishment is head office or main logistics/supply chain hub

Formal undertakings/ signature lists held for UK addresses

Chambers can support the origin claim with evidence in the normal way

Will the format of the UK EUR1 be different to the EC EUR1?

As far as we know the format will be the same.

Will HMRC be printing new EUR1's?

Yes. HMRC have printed new UK-EUR1's and will send them directly to Chambers.

Will we be able to issue replacement, duplicate or retrospective EUR1's and ATR's post Brexit?

We have asked HMRC for a ruling on this and will let you know once they have replied.

Will the direct shipment rule apply to UK-EUR1's?

As far as we know yes.

Will we issue ATR's after the transition period ends?

We will stop issuing ATR's on the 31st December 2020 as these documents confirm that the goods are in free circulation within the EU single market. As we leave the EU single market on the 31st December, we will be unable to issue them. If a rollover deal is agreed with Turkey, it is expected that a UK-EUR1 will be used to claim preference.