

Customs Consultative Committee – Information Paper

New EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement – Approved Exporter Requirement

A new reciprocal trade agreement between the EU and South Korea is due to come into effect on a provisional basis from 1st July 2011. Among the provisions contained in the EU – South Korea Free Trade Agreement is the adoption of a system of preferential treatment for originating goods.

Under this system, an exporter can issue a declaration of preferential origin on an invoice for consignments up to the value of €6,000. Where an exporter has been authorised by the Customs authorities to do so (“Approved Exporter”), invoice declarations can be issued for consignments of any value.

N.B. The agreement provides that an invoice declaration is the only acceptable proof of preferential origin, i.e., exporters will not be able to issue EUR.1 Movement Certificates as proof of origin.

In order to become an “Approved Exporter”, an exporter should complete and submit the required application form, available on our website at

<http://www.revenue.ie/en/customs/leaflets/procedure-issue-origin-documentation.html>

or from: Classification, Origin & Valuation Unit,
Customs Division,
Office of the Revenue Commissioners
Nenagh
Co Tipperary.

Phone: 067 63213

E-mail: origin"asection@revenue.ie

Exporters who are already approved to issue invoice declarations for goods being exported under one of the EU’s other preferential trade agreements can apply to have that approval extended to South Korea.

Full details of the EU – South Korea Free Trade Agreement can be found on the European Commission website:

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=443>

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