

Kingdom of Morocco



Ministry of Economy and Finance



Become an
"Authorized exporter"

and facilitate the
certification of origin

The agreements signed with the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and the Mediterranean Arab Countries signatories of the Agadir agreement and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland expect proof of origin of exported goods within this setting will be provided by production of :

- An EUR.1 or EUR-MED certificate drawn up by the exporting company and signed by the customs services of the exporting countries, or
- A declaration of origin known as « declaration by invoice » or « declaration by EUR-MED invoice » which may be drawn up by :
 - Any exporting company for shipments containing products of “origin” the total value not exceeding 6,000 Euros ; or
 - An exporting company having obtained from the customs officials of the country of export an authorization providing the status of authorized exporter regardless of the value of the goods.

■ What is the benefit for a company in soliciting the status of « authorized exporter » ?

The status of « authorized exporter » grants the beneficiary company the possibility of itself certifying the origin of the goods covered by the agreements cited above.

The exporting company having this status is not obliged to present the form for the EUR.1 or EUR-MED certificate and submit it to the customs department export bureau for a visa, on the occasion of each export operation.

■ Who benefits from the « authorized exporter » status ?

Legal entities frequently, and on their own behalf, carrying out export operations of original goods and offering all the necessary guarantees for monitoring the origin of products as well as adherence to other protocol requirements on the rules about the origin.

■ For which destinations can the authorized exporter certify the origin of his products ?

The authorized exporter certifies the origin for the export of « original » products, carried out within the framework of the preferential agreements concluded with the countries below, members of the pan Euro-Mediterranean zone :

- **The 27 member countries of the European Community** (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia) ;
- **the countries of the European Free Trade Association** (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) ;
- **the Mediterranean Arab countries signatories to the Agadir agreement** (Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia) ;
- **Turkey ;**
- **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.**

■ **How is certification of origin carried out ?**

The authorized exporter certifies the origin by way of a declaration on an invoice or declaration on a EUR-MED invoice bearing a specific reference, drawn up on the invoice, delivery slip or any other commercial documents describing the products in question in sufficient detail to permit their identification.

Example of certification of origin of an authorized exporter

Text of the declaration on invoice	Text of the declaration on EUR MED invoice
<p>The exporter of the products covered by this document [customs authorization n° ... (1)] declares that, unless otherwise stated, these products are of preferential origin ... (2).</p> <p>Place and Date (3)</p> <p>Signature of the exporter and specify, in capital letters, the name of the person signing the declaration.....</p> <p>(1) The authorization number of the authorized exporter (MA XXXX/XX) must be noted here.</p> <p>(2) The origin of the products must be specified.</p> <p>(3) These specifications are optional if the information appears on the document itself.</p>	<p>The exporter of the products covered by this document [customs authorization n° ... (1)] hereby declares that, unless otherwise stated these products are of preferential origin ... (2).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cumulation applied with ... (name of countr(y)(ies)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> no cumulation applied (3)</p> <p>Place and Date (4)</p> <p>Signature of exporter and specify, in capital letters, the name of the person signing the declaration</p> <p>(1) The authorization number of the authorized exporter (MA XXXX/XX) must be noted here.</p> <p>(2) The origin of the products must be specified.</p> <p>(3) To be completed as required.</p> <p>(4) These specifications are optional if the information appears on the document itself.</p>

■ How to become an « authorized exporter » ?

Presentation of a written application

An exporter company wanting to become an « authorized exporter » must send an application to the Customs and Excise Administration - CEA - (Rules of Origin Department, drawn up on a specific form obtainable on the Customs Service website (space « Companies and Professionals », heading « See also » under heading « Forms »).

Documents to be produced in support of the application for agreement

■ Companies having OEA status

No specific document is required.

■ Other companies

These companies have been exempted from the submission of the required documents because the Customs Administration can dispose of these documents via the electronic exchange of data with certain departments.

Meeting with Customs representatives for reviewing the application

A working session is held at the head office of the CEA with the company manager and person appointed by the exporting company for certification of origin.

This meeting is dedicated to :

- A summary presentation of the authorized exporter status approved by Customs ;
- Clarifications, if necessary, to be made by the applicant company on certain information missing or incomplete on the application form to make sure the operator fulfills the conditions required for obtaining the « authorized exporter » title ;
- An assessment of the knowledge of the rules of origin by the person appointed by the exporting company for the drawing up of declarations on origin.

When an exporting company is authorized by Customs, an authorization number is issued to it and to be reproduced on its declarations on the invoice and its declarations on the EUR-MED invoice.

■ What undertakings link the authorized exporter to the Customs Administration ?

To benefit from the self-certification of origin, the exporter must :

- Accept all customs monitoring in connection with the origin ;

- Submit to Customs the supporting documents deemed necessary for monitoring the declarations of origin drawn up by the exporter ;
- Only issue declarations on the invoice or declarations on the EUR-MED invoice for the products in his possession at the time of issue of these documents all proofs supporting the original nature and adherence to the other requirements of the agreement (direct transport, no drawback clause) ;
- Assume responsibility for use of the authorization it has issued, in particular in the event of an incorrect declaration of origin ;
- Keep a copy of the declarations of origin drawn up and other documents related thereto for a minimum of three (03) years.

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