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Members of the Council

Sub : Issue of Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin by CLE

Dear Member

We would like to inform that CLE has been notified as an authorized agency to issue Non Preferential Certificates of Origin (COO) vide DGFT Public Notice No. 35 dated 11.11.21 (copy enclosed). **In this regard, kindly note the following.**

- ✓ These non-preferential CoOs only evidence origin of goods and do not bestow any right to preferential tariffs i.e. reduction in duties.
- ✓ In order to avail non preferential COOs, the exporter has to apply (by choosing CLE as the issuing agency) through the common portal of DGFT <https://coo.dgft.gov.in>
- ✓ As per DGFT Public Notice No. 5 dated 17.5.21 (copy enclosed), the fee for each COO is Rs.200/- +GST. The fee has to be paid online through the website <https://coo.dgft.gov.in>
- ✓ The procedures concerning issue of non-preferential COO as outlined in Para 2.108 of Handbook of Procedures are given below.

Rules of Origin (Non-Preferential) criteria are as under:

- (I) Goods are to be manufactured by the exporting entity as per the definition of "Manufacture" in Paragraph 9.31 of Foreign Trade Policy and

Definition of manufacture as per para 9.31 of FTP

"Manufacture" means to make, produce, fabricate, assemble, process or bring into existence, by hand or by machine, a new product having a distinctive name, character or use and shall include processes such as refrigeration, re-packing, polishing, labelling, Re-conditioning repair, remaking, refurbishing, testing, calibration, re-engineering.

- (II) If imported inputs (Duty Paid or Duty Free) have been used for the production of export product, the export product can be considered to be originating in India (Non Preferential) only if the imported inputs undergo the processing/ operations that exceed the following:

simple operations consisting of removal of dust, sifting or screening, sorting, classifying, matching (including the making-up of sets of articles), washing, painting, cutting;

changes of packing and breaking up and assembly of consignments;

simple cutting, slicing and repacking or placing in bottles, flasks, bags, boxes, fixing on cards or boards, and all other simple packing operations;

operations to ensure the preservation of products in good condition during transport and storage (such as drying, freezing, keeping in brine, ventilation, spreading out, chilling, placing in salt, sulphur dioxide or other aqueous solutions, removal of damaged parts, and like operations);

affixing of marks, labels or other like distinguishing signs on products or their packaging;
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simple mixing of products ;

simple assembly of parts of products to constitute a complete product;

disassembly;

slaughter which means the mere killing of animals; and

mere dilution with water or another substance that does not materially alter the characteristics of the products.

- ✓ All member exporters who require Certificate of Origin (CoO) (Non Preferential) have to apply through the aforesaid common portal as stated above with following documents:
- (i) Scanned copy of original Invoice.
 - (ii) Scanned copy of Packing list

- (iii) Fee of Rs.200/- per certificate to be paid through payment gateway in the DGFT portal.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING COOs

Exporters have to be registered with the COO website to avail the above certification services.

The registration manual and the manual containing details on how to apply for COO are enclosed herewith.

We would request members to require Certificate of Origin (non preferential) to apply through the portal <https://coo.dgft.gov.in> by selecting CLE as the Issuing Agency

Thanks and regards

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