



CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO ECONOMIC OPERATORS

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT (AfCFTA AGREEMENT)

ECONOMIC OPERATORS ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT –

- (1) THE AfCFTA Agreement SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE AS FROM **1ST JANUARY 2021**.
- (2) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AfCFTA AGREEMENT -
 - (A) THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT IS BEING AMENDED; AND
 - (B) REGULATIONS RELATED TO EXPORT TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA ARE BEING INTRODUCED.
- (3) (A) ORIGINATING GOODS EXPORTED FROM A STATE PARTY OF THE AfCFTA AS FROM **01 JANUARY 2021** SHALL BENEFIT PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS IN MAURITIUS –
 - (a) ON PRODUCTION OF EITHER:
 - (I) CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AS PER ARTICLE 17 OF THE AGREEMENT; OR
 - (II) AN ORIGIN DECLARATION MADE OUT BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER, AS PER ARTICLE 19 TO THE AGREEMENT; OR
 - (III) AN ORIGIN DECLARATION MADE OUT BY ANY EXPORTER FOR ANY CONSIGNMENT WHOSE TOTAL VALUE DOES NOT EXCEED USD 5,000, AS PER ARTICLE 19 OF THE AGREEMENT.
 - (b) AT THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY SPECIFIED IN THE “AfCFTA” COLUMN OF THE INTEGRATED TARIFF.



(B) ORIGINATING GOODS EXPORTED FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AS FROM **01 JANUARY 2021** SHALL BENEFIT PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS IN A STATE PARTY OF THE AfCFTA –

(a) ON PRODUCTION OF EITHER:

- (I) CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AS PER APPENDIX I TO ANNEX 2 TO THE PROTOCOL ; OR
- (II) AN ORIGIN DECLARATION MADE OUT BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER, AS PER APPENDIX II TO ANNEX 2 TO THE PROTOCOL; OR
- (III) AN ORIGIN DECLARATION MADE OUT BY ANY EXPORTER FOR ANY CONSIGNMENT WHOSE TOTAL VALUE DOES NOT EXCEED USD 5,000, AS PER APPENDIX II TO ANNEX 2 TO THE PROTOCOL.

(b) AT THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY SPECIFIED IN ANNEX 1 TO THE AGREEMENT.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN HAVE TO BE MADE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE TRADENET.

(4) THE LIST OF STATE PARTIES IS AS PER ANNEX 1.

(5) FOR THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MEASURES, THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS PROCEDURE CODES (CPCs) AS PER TABLES BELOW HAVE BEEN CREATED:

TABLE 1

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	10AFC	EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
2	17AFC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
3	34AFC	DIRECT RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

4	35AFC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AFTER TEMPORARY IMPORT
5	37AFC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
6	38AFC	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT BY FREEPORT LICENSEE UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
7	70AFC	WAREHOUSING OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
8	40AFC	DIRECT IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
9	47AFC	EXWAREHOUSE OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
10	49AFC	IMPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
11	50AFC	TEMPORARY IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

TABLE 2

S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	10AFI	EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
2	17AFI	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER

3	34AFI	DIRECT RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
4	35AFI	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER AFTER TEMPORARY IMPORT
5	37AFI	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
6	38AFI	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT BY FREEPORT LICENSEE UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
7	70AFI	WAREHOUSING OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
8	40AFI	DIRECT IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
9	47AFI	EXWAREHOUSE OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
10	49AFI	IMPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER
11	50AFI	TEMPORARY IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN APPROVED EXPORTER

TABLE 3



S/N	CPC	DESCRIPTION
1	10AFD	EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA EPA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
2	17AFD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
3	34AFD	DIRECT RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
4	35AFD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000 AFTER TEMPORARY IMPORT
5	37AFD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM BOND UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION OF ORIGIN BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
6	38AFD	RE-EXPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT BY FREEPORT LICENSEE UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
7	70AFD	WAREHOUSING OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
8	40AFD	DIRECT IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
9	47AFD	EXWAREHOUSE OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
10	49AFD	IMPORT OF GOODS FROM FREEPORT UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000



11	50AFD	TEMPORARY IMPORT OF GOODS UNDER AFCFTA USING AN ORIGIN DECLARATION BY AN EXPORTER NOT EXCEEDING USD 5,000
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(6) ALL IMPORTERS/APPROVED EXPORTERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ORIGIN DECLARATION USED FOR IMPORT OR EXPORT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL BE MADE ON A COMMERCIAL INVOICE OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT, USING THE TEXT WHICH APPEARS IN APPENDIX II TO ANNEX 2 TO THE PROTOCOL, WHICH IS REPRODUCED BELOW:

“I / We, _____, being the exporter of the goods covered by this document declare(s) that, the goods are of _____ origin(*indicate the African Continental Free Trade Area States Party*) and the origin criterion applicable to these goods is _____(*insert wholly obtained or substantially transformed, as may be applicable*)

(place and date of declaration)

(Authorised Exporter’s Signature)”

(7) THE ORIGIN DECLARATION SHALL BEAR THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF THE EXPORTER AND BE SUBMITTED AS SUPPORTING DOCUMENT WITH THE IMPORT BILL OF ENTRY, THROUGH TRADENET.

YOU MAY ACCESS THE AFCFTA AGREEMENT AND THE WEB APPLICATION USER MANUAL ON THE MRA WEBSITE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE ORIGIN UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ON 202 0500 (EXT 7216 OR 7240) OR E-MAIL origin.customs@mra.mu.

YOU ARE KINDLY ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH MNS FOR UPDATE OF YOUR FRONT END SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH (5).

**MRA CUSTOMS
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