

The REX system



The REX system (Registered Exporter System) is a global goods origin certification system used by the European Union in the context of its preferential trade agreements.

The REX system allows exporters to self-certify the origin of their goods, under certain conditions, to qualify for preferential tariffs under the European Union's free trade agreements or unilateral preferential schemes. It aims to streamline trade procedures and facilitate international exchanges

Regulatory context

The regulatory framework of the REX system is established by the European Union with the aim of harmonizing and simplifying rules of origin and related certification procedures. This system is implemented within the framework of the European Union's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) as well as in certain free trade agreements. Exporters seeking to avail themselves of preferential tariffs must register in the REX system and be assigned a unique identification number

Operation of the system

In France, exporters must register with the REX system through the General Directorate of Customs and Indirect Taxes (DGDDI). Registration is done online, and the exporter is required to provide detailed information about their company and export operations. Once registered, the exporter is issued a unique REX number, which must be indicated on the certificates of origin or any other supporting documents. This self-certification of the origin of goods eliminates the need for traditional certificates of origin, thus streamlining export procedures

The REX system represents a significant advancement in simplifying international trade for French and European exporters. By allowing exporters to self-certify the origin of their goods, the system facilitates access to preferential tariffs under EU trade agreements, thereby contributing to enhancing the competitiveness of European businesses in the global market. Its integration into the EU's commercial landscape demonstrates the Union's commitment to promoting a more open and fair international trade.

Please note that starting from January 1, 2020, the REX system will be applicable to French Polynesia. Consequently, EUR1 certificates issued after this date will no longer be accepted for imports into French Polynesia. The registration and obtaining of the REX number can be done electronically through the SOPRANO-REX online service since January 1, 2017

<https://www.douane.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/uploads/files/2019-04/spg-systeme-rex-exportateurs.pdf>

Subject: New Requirement Resulting from REX (Legal Notices)

The exemption from customs duty upon entry into the European Union or the benefit of a preferential customs duty rate granted upon importation into French Polynesia is conditioned by the inclusion, on a commercial document, of a new statement whose wording varies according to the value of the shipment.

Mention for shipments with a value below 10,000 euros:

The exporter of the products covered by this document declares that these products have preferential origin...(3) according to the rules of origin of the decision on the association of overseas countries and territories, and the satisfied origin criterion is...(4).

(3) Specify the origin of the product

(4) For products entirely obtained: enter the letter "P"; for sufficiently worked or processed products: enter the letter "W", followed by the corresponding four-digit position in the Harmonized System of Nomenclature and Coding of Goods ("Harmonized System") [W9618]. When the shipment includes multiple positions, enter all positions in the same field.

Statement for shipments with a value exceeding 10,000 euros.

"The exporter [Specify the registered exporter's REX number] of the products covered by this document declares that, unless otherwise indicated, these products have preferential origin...(3) according to the rules of origin of the decision on the association of overseas countries and territories, and the satisfied origin criterion is...(4)."

(3) Specify the origin of the product

(4) For products entirely obtained: enter the letter "P"; for sufficiently worked or processed products: enter the letter "W", followed by the corresponding four-digit position in the Harmonized System of Nomenclature and Coding of Goods ("Harmonized System") [W9618]. When the shipment includes multiple positions, enter all positions in the same field.