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1. All Exporters/Members of Trade
2. All Designated Issuing Agencies under FTAs/PTAs

Subject: Electronic filing and Issuance of Preferential Certificate of Origin (CoO) under India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with effect from July 15, 2026 - regarding.

It is informed that upon coming into force of India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with effect from July 15, 2026, Preferential Certificates of Origin for exports to UK under the above said agreement will be rolled out on Trade Connect ePlatform (www.trade.gov.in) which serves as the unified digital platform for application and issuance of all electronic Certificates of Origin (eCoO) for Indian exports.

2. As per the agreed terms of the India-UK CETA, eCoO will be available via the "Certificate of Origin" service on Trade Connect ePlatform for issuance on the basis of: (i) self-declaration, as well as (ii) by an authorised agency.

3. The following key points may be noted regarding the issuance of Preferential eCOO for India-UK CETA on self-declaration basis: ^

i. Digital Signature (DSC) is a mandatory requirement for generation of SelfDeclaration based eCOO. Only those users (referred to as applicant in this section) whose profiles are linked with the IEC with a valid DSC will be able to complete this process.

ii. Uploading of scanned copy of ink signed signatures of the applicant is also a mandatory requirement for generation of Self-Declaration based eCOO. The option to upload the same will be available during the generation stage of the self-declaration based eCOO.

iii. The applicant may proceed with the application for self-declaration based eCOO by selecting Agreement name as "India UK CETA (Self-Declaration)".

iv. All necessary details maybe filled as per the application form available, and the application maybe submitted using Digital Signature (DSC) or Aadhar authentication without payment of any fee.

v. During the application, applicant will also select the necessary branch address as available in the corresponding IEC details. Based on the branch selected, mapping of the jurisdiction Regional Authority of DGFT or the jurisdictional SEZ will be automatically fetched and registered in the application. The concerned authority mapped will undertake verification activity in case of concerns raised by the partner countries as per the agreement.

vi. Once submitted, the application appears with file status as "Auto Approved Pending Issuance".

vii. The applicant may then proceed by clicking on "Generate Self-Declared CoO" against the submitted application. The system will also prompt for uploading scanned copy of signature of the applicant (if not already uploaded during a previous application of the same type) which needs to be saved.

viii. With the mandatory use of the linked DSC of the applicant, the Self Declaration based eCOO may then be generated.

ix. Self-Declaration based eCOO will be generated in two copies, both with QR code and digital signature, that can be downloaded and utilised by the applicant: ^

- o "Electronic Copy" with scanned signature in the place available for signature.

- o "Physical Copy" with blank space for the applicant to physically sign after printing the certificate. ~

x. The above copies maybe submitted to recipient country as required by the concerned authorities. ~

4. The following key points may be noted regarding the issuance of Preferential eCOO for India-UK CETA by authorised agency: ^

i. The applicant may proceed with the application by selecting the agreement name as "India-UK CETA (Agency Issued)"

ii. The list of authorised agencies as per the terms of the agreement and duly notified will be available for selection by applicants.

iii. On submission of the completed application and approval by the authorised agency, an "Electronic Copy" of the eCOO with QR code and digital signature will be generated by the system.

iv. The "Electronic Copy" shall bear the image of the signature of the issuing officer as well as the stamp of the issuing agency which can be downloaded and utilised by the applicant. ~

5. The following common guidelines are to be followed by all IEC holders and associated users/applicants: ^

i. Existing user credentials for DGFT website (www.dgft.gov.in) may be used for login on Trade Connect ePlatform (www.trade.gov.in) without creation of new login credentials.

ii. Additional user accounts for the same IEC, if necessary, maybe created and linked using DSC on www.dgft.gov.in and the credentials can be used on Trade Connect ePlatform for login including for filing/generating eCoO.

iii. The types of digital signatures accepted in the DGFT common digital ecosystem and the process of linking DSC to IEC can be perused at www.dgft.gov.in by navigating to the "Learn" tab, selecting "Application Help and FAQs" (<https://www.dgft.gov.in/CP/?opt=application-help>), and going through the help documents and videos under "IEC Profile Management" section.

iv. All users may ensure that their name in the DGFT/Trade Connect user profile matches completely with the name in the Digital Signature (DSC).

v. All IEC holders may ensure that that updated details related to the IEC are available in the DGFT system in order that the correct details are available for selection during application for eCOO.~

Verification Mechanism

6. The authorities requiring verification of genuineness of the CoO presented to them by the exporters shall visit the following link on the Trade Connect ePlatform (<https://trade.gov.in>) - > Certificate of Origin -* Verify Certificate and enter the CoO No. pertaining to the CoO which is required to be verified. This will display the details of the CoO issued on the platform corresponding to the CoO No. entered for verification purposes on the platform.

Support Channels

7. Exporters and stakeholders are encouraged to reach out to the DGFT Helpdesk with respect to any queries, suggestions, or feedback related to the eCoO module. Support is available through the following channels: ^

i. Toll-Free Assistance: You may contact the DGFT Helpdesk through our tollfree numbers for support.

ii. Email Inquiries: For clarifications or further assistance, please e-mail DGFT Helpdesk at coo-dgft@gov.in~

This Trade Notice is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

(Prakash Kamble)

Deputy DGFT

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