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Customs Policy

Policy Code: DCP (25)

Policy Name: Revised Customs Policy No. 15/2008 Concerning Conditions and Controls for Implementing the Agreement on Establishing Pan-Arab Free Trade Area

Further to the Customs Policy No. DCP (15) issued on 19th March 2008, and pursuant to the provisions of the Executive Programme of the Agreement on Facilitating and Developing Inter-Arab Trade to Establish a Pan-Arab Free Trade Area, and invoking the Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council of the Arab League taken at the Sessions of (81/82) in respect of determining the detailed Rules of Origin Application Mechanisms for Arab goods and products, the following have been decided:

Article (1)

Article (2) of the Customs Policy No. 15/2008 shall be revoked and replaced by the general provisions and detailed rules of origin decided by the Economic and Social Council of the Arab League (copy attached hereto).

Article (2)

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article (1) above, the enforcement of Arab general rules of origin, which approve local value added on Arab goods and products whose detailed rules have not yet been agreed, shall remain.

Article (3)

The new certificate of origin form, a copy of which attached hereto shall be adopted for all goods and products being imported by Party-States of the Pan-Arab Free Trade Area Agreement.



Article (4)

Certificates of origin issued prior to 1st October 2008 in accordance with the old format shall be accepted subject to its validity being 4 months from the date of issue at the country of exportation.

Article (5)

The exporter's declaration shall not be demanded along with the certificate of origin by the country of importation.

Article (6)

If the new certificate of origin form found to be containing nominal errors, it shall not be rejected unless such errors influence the origin of goods and arouse Customs doubts.

Article (7)

This policy shall come into force from immediate effect and supersedes any contradicting customs policies and notices.


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