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- Will UK certs of origin will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Yes. Regardless of a deal or not the UK will issue UK Certificates of Origin from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

- Will I be able to issue EC/EU certs of origin after the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020?

No. Under no circumstances will you be able to issue EC certs of origin.

- What happens if we need to cancel & replace an EC certificate of origin after we leave the E.U.?

A UK Certificate of Origin would be issued with details of the EC Certificate in Box 5 as normal.

- Will there be a “guide” of sorts for certification staff on how to handle customer queries?

BCC guidance is on Freshdesk here: <https://bcc-certification.freshdesk.com/a/solutions/categories/44000469384/folders/44001216629>

- What happens when a Letter of Credit or contract asks for an EC Certificate of origin after we leave the E.U.?

The Letter of Credit would need to be amended.

- Do we know which markets currently requiring EU Certs of Origin will require UK Certs of Origin in the event of a no deal Brexit so as to access preferential tariff rates based on EU FTA's?

Non-preference certificates of origin do not grant access to preferential tariff rates. We expect all countries that previously accepted EC Certificates of Origin to still require and accept UK Certificates of Origin.

- Can we amend EC Certificates of Origin issued before the 1<sup>st</sup> January after this date?

We can amend an EC Cert of origin after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and use our alteration approved stamp.

- Will the Arab Indemnity letter change?

Yes. A new version of the Arab Indemnity letter can be found on Freshdesk [here](#)

- How do we dispose of unused EC Certificates of Origin?

Any unused EC Certificates of Origin should be shredded. You should also ensure any unused EC Certificates of Origin held by your customers are shredded as well. They can do this themselves.

- Do we know if markets with FTA's with the EU will accept Invoices with EU Declaration and/or EC Cert of Origin and/or EUR1 for orders that had already been dispatched prior to the exit date but arrive after the exit date, or if amended documents will be required?

Both the EU and the UK have said that documents issued for goods leaving the UK before we leave the EU are legal and should be honoured.

- Do we know if there will be additional documentation requirements for EU customers and Non-EU, where we deliver goods into the EU for onward movement and if so, which documents would be required e.g., UK Cert of Origin or new preference certificates?

The individual EU countries will treat the UK as a third country decide what documents are required and what evidence they accept in support of a Certificate of Origin raised in their country.

- What is the best way for certification staff to help clients on determining “origin”?

Firstly, you must determine whether the client is referring to non-preferential or preferential origin.

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Origin determination in the main will not change for non-preference certificates of origin. However, declaring UK origin in box 3 on a UK certificate of origin UK origin can no longer be declared under European Community, it will need to be shown United Kingdom origin, then followed any other individual countries of origin in alphabetical order.

For the new UK preference EUR1 we will need to follow the rules as set out in the individual trade agreements.

- Are the electronic providers geared up to replace the existing Certificates of origin and how long will this process take?

All the electronic providers have been provided with the UK Certificate of Origin template and have updated their systems so they can switch over to the new certificate as required.

- Will the format of the UK EUR1 be different to the EC EUR1?

As far as we know the format will be the same.

- Will HMRC be printing new EUR1's?

Yes. HMRC have printed new UK-EUR1's and will send them directly to Chambers.

- Will HMRC be issuing new stamps?

HMRC have produced new stamps which have now been sent to Chambers.

- Will we be able to issue replacement, duplicate or retrospective EUR1's and ATR's post Brexit?

We have asked HMRC for a ruling on this and will let you know once they have replied.

- Will the direct shipment rule apply to UK-EUR1's?

As far as we know yes.

- Will we issue ATR's after the transition period ends?

We will stop issuing ATR's on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as these documents confirm that the goods are in free circulation within the EU single market. As we leave the EU single market on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, we will be unable to issue them. If a rollover deal is agreed with Turkey, it is expected that a UK-EUR1 will be used to claim preference.

- Will we be compensated for old EC CO's that can no longer be used at the end of the transition period?

No.

- Do we have a list of the current FTA's that have been agreed?

A list of the agreements can be found [here](#).

- Can UK certificate of Origin be raised with an EC multinational in the Consignor Box?

UK company in the Consignor Box – it cannot have just an EC multinational address

- Can an UK certificate of Origin be raised for goods being shipped from the EU?

A UK Certificate of Origin can be issued if the following criteria are met:

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1. UK Establishment is head office or main logistics/supply chain hub
2. Formal undertakings/ signature lists held for UK addresses
3. Chambers can support the origin claim with evidence in the normal way
4. The trader makes or will make regular applications; we do not offer these services as a one off without due diligence and enquiry.