

## APPLICATION OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) RULES OF ORIGIN INSTRUMENTS

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The implementation of EAC Rules of Origin Instruments namely: **EAC Certificate of Origin** and the **EAC Simplified Certificate of Origin** commences on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2007**.

The EAC Simplified Certificate of Origin has been introduced in the EAC Intra-Trade to enhance the EAC Cross Border Trade by enabling the small exporters with consignment **not exceeding US\$500** to benefit from the tariff reduction normally accorded to qualifying exporters.

The Simplified Certificate of Origin will be issued by the Customs authority to qualifying exporters at all the Border Points **free of charge**.

The EAC Certificate of Origin will attract a **maximum fee of US\$3 per set** and will be issued by the Custom Authority in all her offices.

The Custom Authority will be the authenticating authority for the two EAC Certificate of Origin

Manuals to assist the business community in complying with the EAC Rule of Origin can be obtained from the Customs Department.

Whereas the Customs Authority has put adequate measure to cushion against abuse of the Simplified Certificate of Origin through splitting of consignments the exporters are urged to cooperate to ensure the objective of this certificate is realized.

For further details or clarification contact the Ministry of Trade and Industry or the Custom Department