



Efforts by Japan Customs for further Utilization of EPAs/FTAs

Workshop on Rules of Origin

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EPAs/FTAs Network in Japan as of Jan. 2023



In Force or Signed ▶ 21

Singapore, Mexico, Malaysia, Chile, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, ASEAN, Philippines, Switzerland, Viet Nam, India, Peru, Australia, Mongolia, TPP12 (signed), CPTPP, EU, US, UK, RCEP



Under Negotiations ▶ 3

Turkey, Colombia, Japan-China-ROK



Others (Negotiations suspended)
GCC, Korea, Canada

Shift of governmental efforts

Negotiation

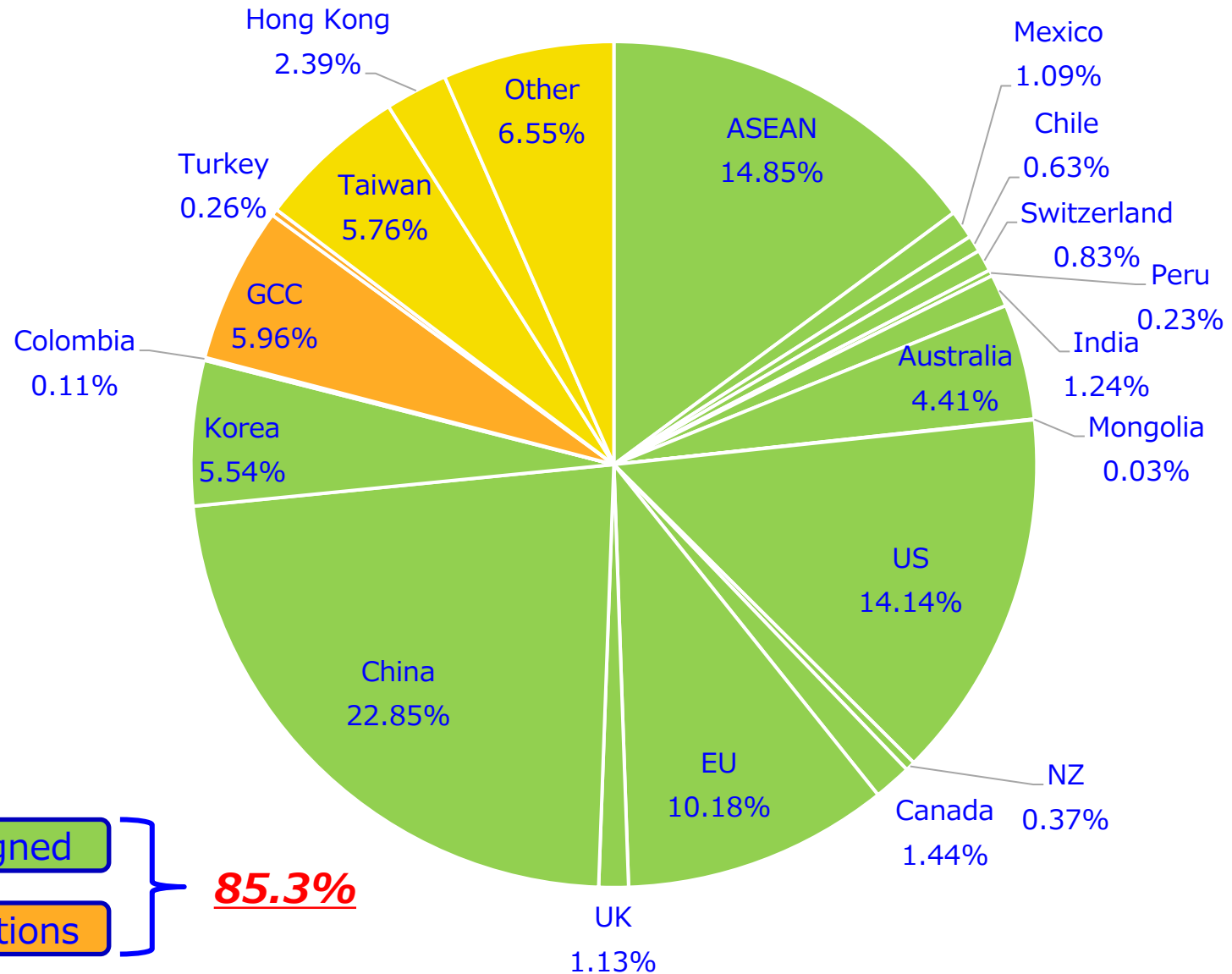
Implementation

Utilization

EPAs/FTAs in Force in Japan

YEAR	EPA/FTA	YEAR	EPA/FTA
2002	Japan-Singapore	2009	Japan-Vietnam
2005	Japan-Mexico	2011	Japan- India
2006	Japan-Malaysia	2012	Japan- Peru
2007	Japan-Chile	2015	Japan- Australia
2007	Japan-Thailand	2016	Japan- Mongolia
2008	Japan- Indonesia	2018	CPTPP (TPP11)
2008	Japan- Brunei	2019	Japan- EU
2008	Japan-ASEAN	2020	Japan-US
2008	Japan-Philippines	2021	Japan- UK
2009	Japan-Switzerland	2022	RCEP

Trade Value with FTA Partners



<https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/fta/index.html>

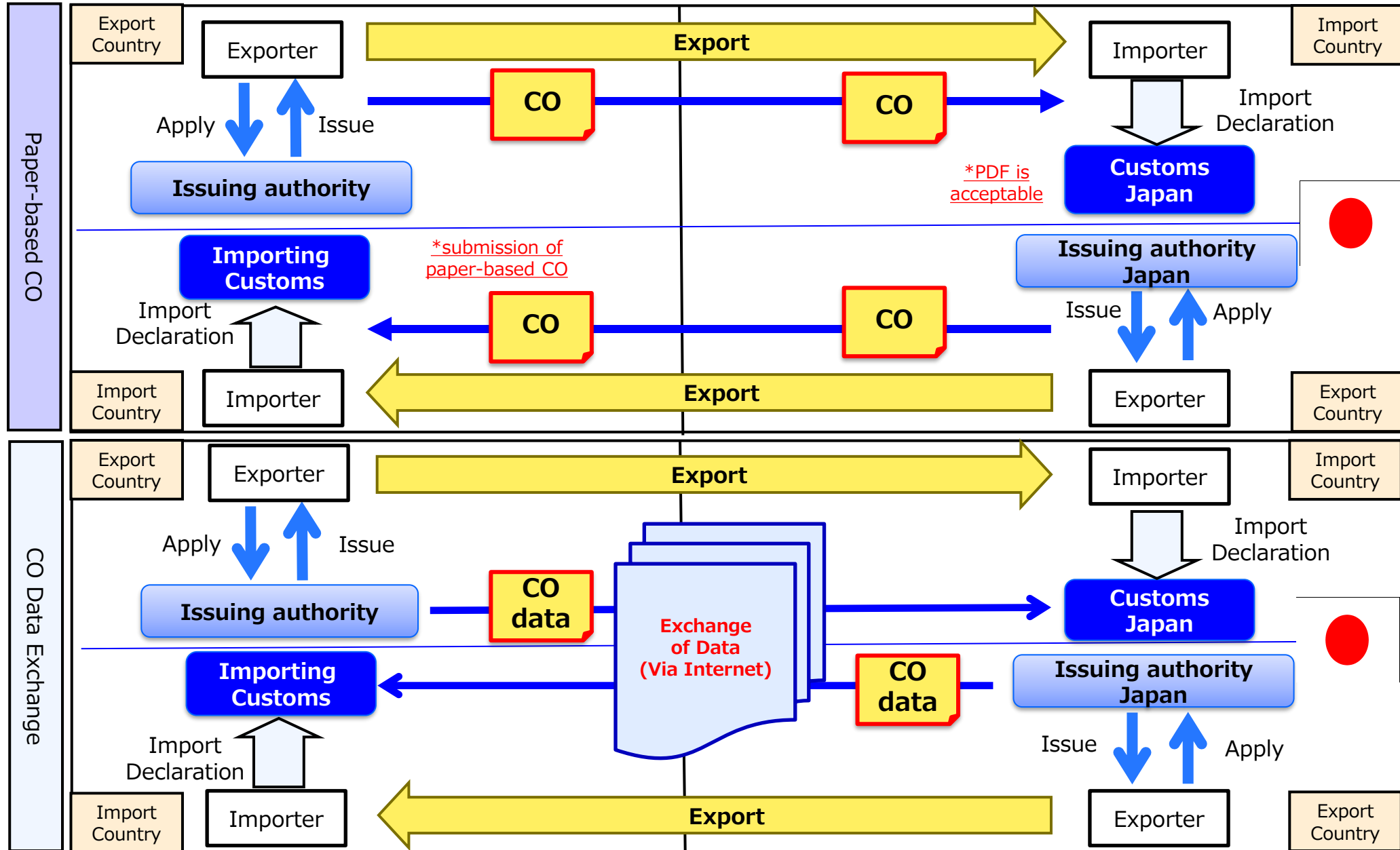
Source: Trade Statistics of Ministry of Finance (2021 CY)

Origin Certification in each EPAs/FTAs

As of Jan, 2023

	Certification of Origin	Certification by Approved Exporter	Self Certification	
			Exporter, Producer	Importer
AJCEP & Bilateral FTA with ASEAN (2002~)	○	-	-	
Japan – Mexico (2005)	○	○	-	
Japan – Switzerland (2009)	○	○	-	
Japan – Peru (2012)	○	○	-	
Japan – Australia (2015)	○	-	○	○
CPTTP (2018)	-	-	○	○
Japan – EU (2019)	-	-	○	○
Japan – US (2020)	-	-	-	○
Japan – UK (2021)	-	-	○	○
RCEP (2022)	○	○	○ ※Currently implemented among Japan, Australia, and New Zealand	○ ※Currently implemented by Japan

Upgrade of existing EPAs : eCO



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Efforts for further utilization of EPAs/FTAs

Needs Assessment on traders

- Questionnaire survey
- Interview



Information via Customs Web

- Movie contents (YouTube)
- Accessibility improvement
- Pamphlets
- Partners' info
(e.g. tariff schedule)

Support for exporters

- Consultation desk
- Verification



Seminars for private sectors

- New EPA/ FTA
- Irregularity cases



Questionnaire Survey on EPA utilization

Background

- ✓ From the viewpoint of promoting utilization of EPAs, a questionnaire survey was conducted by JMOF to assess the needs of business operators.

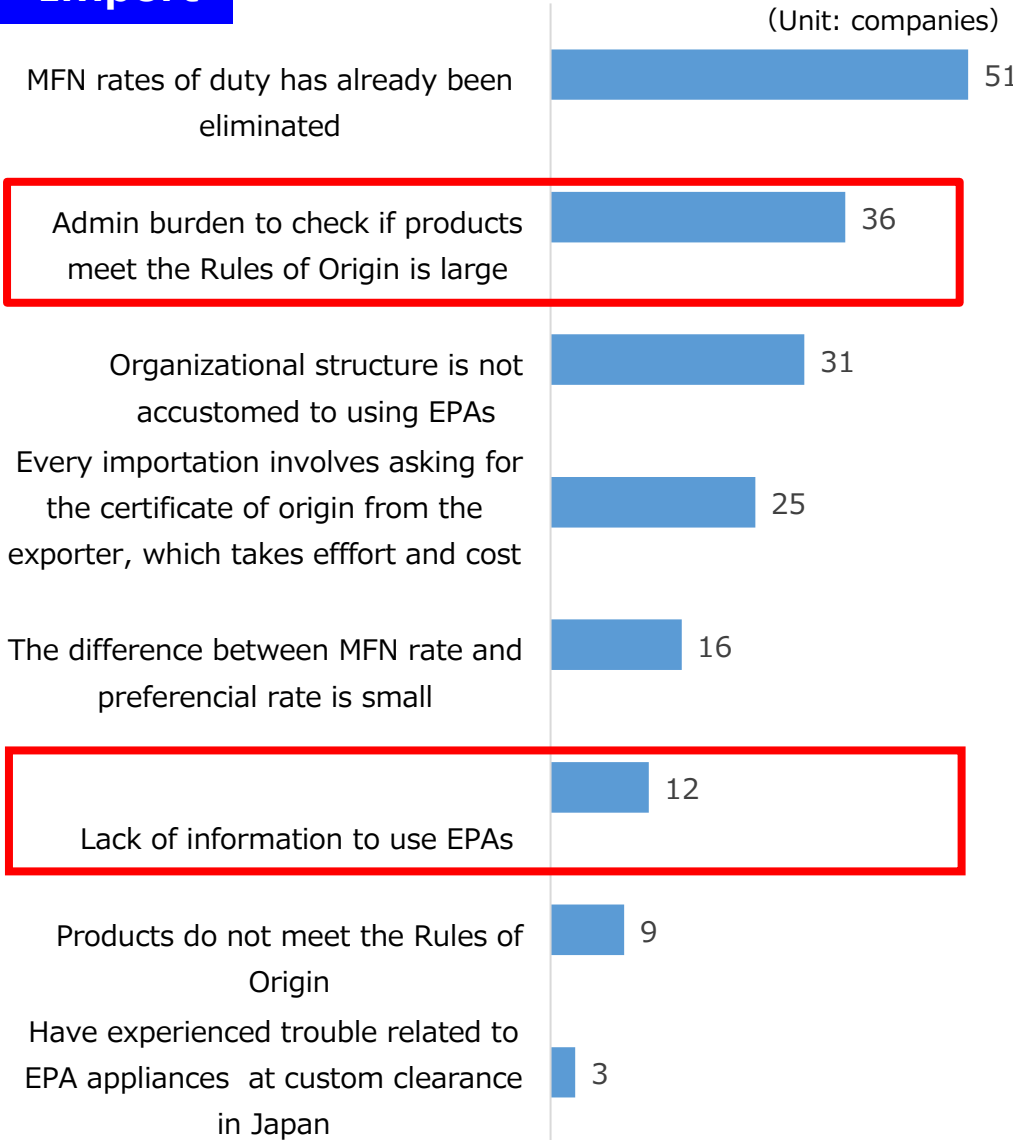
Survey method

- ✓ Survey period: December 9, 2021 – January 31, 2022
- ✓ Number of valid answerers: 1,034 (number of responses 1,082)
✕multiple answers allowed
- ✓ 1,034 respondents from following industries;
 - Customs broker 473
 - Manufacturing 322
 - Transportation and Warehousing 188
 - Trading 150
 - Others(Wholesales, Consultant) 20
 - Others 10
 - Finance 1

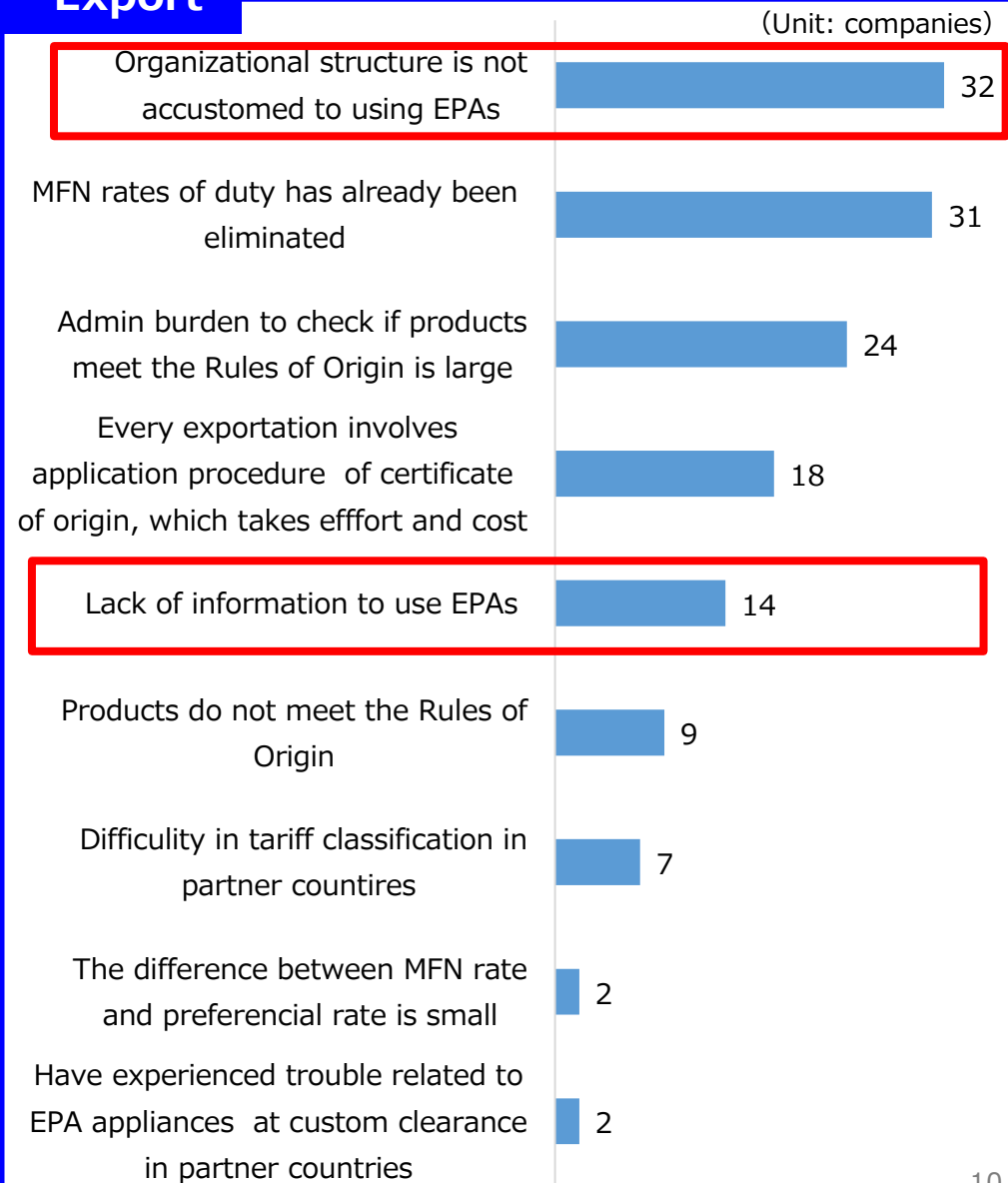
Questionnaire Survey on EPA utilization

Reasons why respondents have never used EPAs

Import



Export



More Information Provided

As the number of EPAs/FTAs in force grows, exporters have more opportunities to use them.

Our Approach

- Improving Japan Customs website's accessibility and creating reference materials in various platforms
- Hosting information sessions for companies in line with their needs to deepen their knowledge about EPA
- Supporting exporters by providing consultation and various information about EPA partner countries
- Understanding companies' needs through surveys and interviews

【Improving Accessibility】



Organizing references about EPA

【reference materials】



pamphlets



YouTube

Improving the accessibilities of EPAs/FTAs web

Japan Customs website for Rules of Origin (※Japanese language)
<https://www.customs.go.jp/roo/index.htm>

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原産地規則ポータル

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原産地規則ポータル

税関は、経済連携協定等の適正かつ円滑な実施を目指して原産地規則の適切な運用の確保に取り組んでいます。

目的別に探す

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新着情報 (原産地規則ポータル)

一覧を見る

2021年09月17日 自己申告制度利用の手引き～FAQ～を更新しました

2021年09月17日 原産地規則の概要等を更新しました

2021年09月18日 TPP11協定 (CPTPP) の税率適用に係るHACCSへの原産地コード及び原産地証明書登録入力方法

2021年09月01日 地域的な包括的経済連携 (RCEP) 協定業務説明会Q&A解説の配信を実施しました

2021年08月20日 「日タイ-EPAの品目別規則、運用上の手続規則」の修正版を掲載しました

重要なお知らせ 新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大に伴う各国における原産地証明書発給停止等への対応

使いたいEPA・GSP等について調べる

北米 アジア アジア・太平洋地域 中南米 ヨーロッパ GSP・特別原産地規則

地域的な包括的経済連携 (RCEP) 協定 TPP11 (CPTPP)

税関サイトへ

PSR research system

Sample formats of declaration of origin

Improving the accessibilities of EPAs/FTAs web

Reference

PSR research system (Japan Customs website)

品目別原産地規則 / Product-Specific Rules

❖ 国名 / Country

ベトナム / VIET NAM

❖ 品目 / Item

620711

再検索 / New-Search

国名 / Country
ベトナム / VIET NAM

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PSR corresponding to the applicable EPAs/FTAs can be found

地域的な包括的経済連携(RCEP)協定
(HS2022) / REGIONAL
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC

環太平洋パートナーシップ(TPP)協定
(HS2012) / Trans-Pacific Partnership
(TPP) (HS2012)

日ベトナム経済連携協定(HS2007) /
Japan-Viet nam EPA (HS2007)

日アセアン包括的経済連携協定
(HS2002) / ASEAN-Japan CEPA
(HS2002)

地域的な包括的経済連携(RCEP)協定(HS2022) / REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) AGREEMENT(HS2022)

HS2022

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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) AGREEMENT(HS2022)

部 / Section	類 / Chapter	項 / Heading	号 / Subheading	品名 / Description	品目別原産地規則 / PSR	注 / Note
				衣類及び衣類附属品(メリヤス 編み又はクロセ編みのものを除		

Reference Material

日 EU・EPA 自己申告及び確認の手引き

財務省関税局・税関

2021年2月

(Japanese)

February, 2021

Guideline for the statement on origin/importer's knowledge and verification under the Japan-EU EPA

1. Introduction

In the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), the self-declaration system is introduced. A claim for preferential tariff treatment is based either on a statement on origin or on importer's knowledge.

2. Statement on Origin¹

Where an importer makes a claim for preferential tariff treatment based on a statement on origin in accordance with Article 3.16.2(a) of the Agreement, that statement on origin shall be made out by an "exporter" ("exporter" includes "producer" (hereinafter the same shall apply)), using one of the linguistic versions of the text set out in Annex 3-D of Chapter 3 (Rules of origin and origin procedures) of the Agreement on an invoice or on any other commercial document (please refer to Annex 1 of this Guideline). Furthermore, the statement is not necessary to be translated.

The "exporter" can be any person (such as a producer or a trading company) making out the statement on origin involved in the production and/or exportation of the product, as long as this person fulfils the obligations under the EPA. It is not necessary that the "exporter" lodges the customs export declaration in respect of the products.

The EPA imposes that the statement on origin is made out by the exporter but does not include any explicit requirement as to the identity of the person issuing the commercial document used for making out the statement. The obligation to provide a sufficient description of the products lies on the exporter even if its statement on origin appears on another person's document.

Therefore, nothing in the EPA prevents the following scenarios to apply where the

¹ This Guidance incorporates common text, published in Annex 1 to this Guidance agreed between DG TAXUD and Japan Customs.

Self-certification guidance is available on

- Japan- Australia*
- TPP11
- Japan-EU
- Japan-US *
- Japan-UK *
- RCEP *

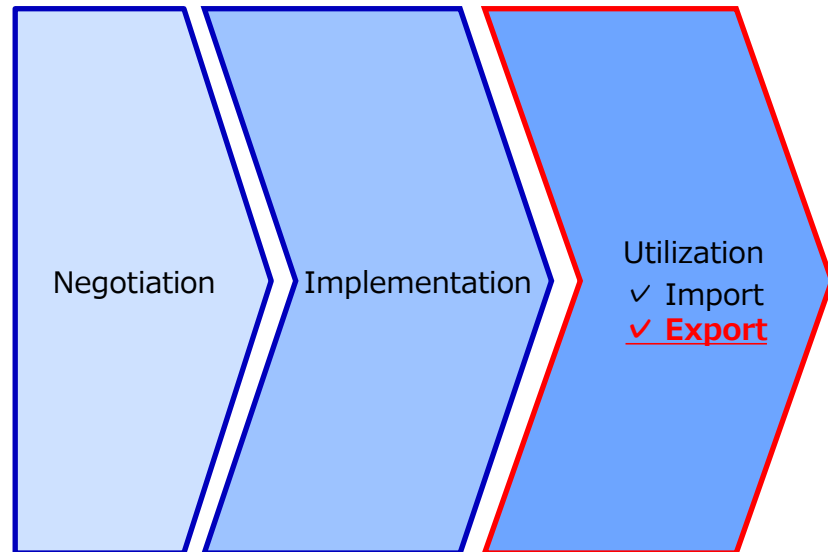
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Consultation Desk at ROO Center

Consultation Desk regarding exportation from Japan which utilizes Self-Certification System

- ✓ Experts at ROO Center provide consultation for Japanese exporters and producers regarding the rules of origin.
- ✓ They also provide consultation regarding the verification from importing country.



WCO/JICA Master Trainer Programme (MTP)

Background in general

- ✓ Develop more sustainable and self-contained training capabilities in participating regions

Accomplishment so far

- ✓ About 150 Master Trainers on HS, CV, PCA and RM/IA developed until June 2021. Some are WCO Accredited Experts.
- ✓ More than 43,000 people trained by Master Trainers (since 2018)

MTP on ROO

- ✓ Started in Sep 2021.
- ✓ **Specific objective: to cooperate with African WCO Members to implement AfCFTA.**
- ✓ Working Group members: 21 WCO Members nominated participants.
- ✓ Experts: WCO Secretariat, Japan Customs, AfCFTA Secretariat and RECs



Thank you