

How to export to the European Union?



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What is the Export Helpdesk?

A tool to facilitate exports from developing countries into the EU

An **internet** service

An interactive database on trade in **goods**

Free of charge and free access

In 6 languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese,
Arabic and Russian



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Trade and Development Agenda



Contribution to Doha Development Round



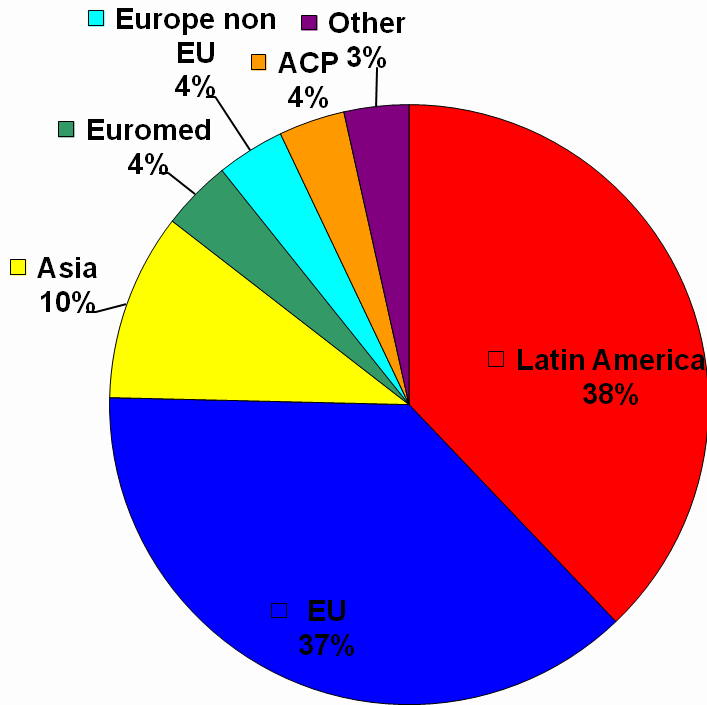
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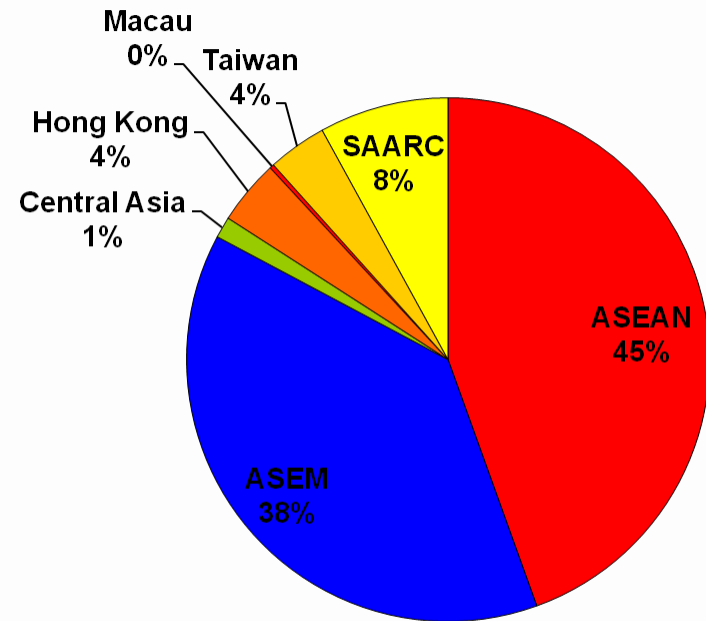
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The Export Helpdesk is an online service, provided by the European Commission, to facilitate market access in particular for developing countries to the European Union. This free and user-friendly service provides relevant information required by exporters interested in supplying the EU market.

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General requirements to import to the EU

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

INPUT FORM

Enter a product code (2,4,6,8 digits) [Browse or Search.](#)

Select a country of origin

Select a destination country



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Enter a product description

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	Code	Product Description
	0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled
1	0709 30	Aubergines (eggplants)



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Requirements and Taxes

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT LIST

Product Code: 07093000
Origin Country: Thailand
Destination Country: Finland

Code	Product Description
07	EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS
0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled
0709 30	-Aubergines (eggplants)

Specific requirements for 07093000

<input type="checkbox"/> Control of contaminants in foodstuffs	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Control of pesticide residues in plant and animal products intended for human consumption	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Labeling for foodstuffs	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant health control	EU,FI
<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary - Products from organic production	EU,FI



Internal Taxes

VAT	Excise
13%	-

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<input type="checkbox"/> Overview of Import Procedures	FI	<input type="checkbox"/> VAT	FI
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Plant health control

The imports into the European Union (EU) of plants, plant products and any other material capable of harbouring plant pests (e.g. wooden products and containers, soil, etc.) may be subject to the following protective measures, as established by Council Directive 2000/29/EC ([OJ L-169 10/07/2000](#)) (CELEX 32000L0029):

1. Import Bans;
2. Phytosanitary certificate and/or phytosanitary certificate for re-export;
3. Customs Inspection and plant health checks;
4. Importers Register;
5. Advance notice on imports.

These phytosanitary measures are intended to prevent the introduction and/or spread of pests and organisms harmful to plants or plant products across the EU boundaries. Those measures enforce the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)-FAO, to which EU Member States are contracting parties and which sets out the basic rules and control procedures to secure a common and effective action to protect the countries' agricultural and forestry resources.

The IPPC requires every contracting country to establish a national plant protection organization to inspect growing crops and to report on pests and control them. A complete listing of the national plant protection organizations (NPPOS) can be found at the official website for the IPPC (<http://www.ippc.int/>).

French Overseas Departments and Spanish Canary Islands, in view of their agricultural and ecological characteristics, may request additional conditions to those laid down in the Directive assuming they are justified on grounds of the protection of health and life of plants in their territories.

Council Directive 2000/29/EC establishes several exemptions for each phytosanitary measure (e.g. plants and plant products for trial, scientific purposes, work on varieties selection; internal transit; small quantities that do not pose a risk of spreading harmful organisms etc.). They are usually granted for a limited period, subject to special import conditions and to a specific licence.

1. Import bans

Member States shall ban the introduction into their territory of:

- A. Certain particularly dangerous harmful organisms, which are listed in **Annex I, Part A** to Council Directive 2000/29/EC.
- B. Plants and plant products listed in **Annex II, Part A**, where they are contaminated by the relevant harmful organisms listed in that part of the Annex to the Directive.
- C. Plants or plant products listed in **Annex III, Part A**, where they originate in the relevant countries referred to in that part of the Annex to the Directive.
- D. Plants, plant products and other objects listed in **Annex IV, Part A**, except for those meeting the special requirements indicated in that part of the Annex to the Directive.

In relation to wood packaging, the provisions introduced by Commission Directive 2004/102/EC ([OJ L-309 06/10/2004](#)) (CELEX 32004L0102) establish that wood packages of any type (cases, boxes, crates, drums, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars, etc.) shall go through one of the approved treatments specified in **Annex I** to FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15, bear the corresponding mark as specified in **Annex II** and be made from debarked wood (this requirement is postponed until 1 January 2009 according with Commission Directive 2006/14/EC ([OJ L-34 07/02/2006](#)) (CELEX 32006L0014)).

Commission Decision 2005/51/EC ([OJ L-21 25/01/05](#)) (CELEX 32005D0051), authorises Member States to provide derogations with regard to the prohibitions referred to in point 14 of Annex III Part A and point 34, section I, Part A, Annex IV above mentioned for soil originating in certain third countries under specific conditions provided for in the Annex of the same Decision and destined for treatment in dedicated hazardous-waste incinerators.

Certain areas of the EU, that are free from plant pests established elsewhere in the EU, have been designated as "protected zones" and may be affected by special bans and requirements to prevent spreading of harmful organisms to particular crops (**Annex I Part B**; **Annex II Part B**; **Annex III Part B** and **Annex IV Part B** to Council Directive 2000/29/EC).



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3. Customs inspection and plant health checks.

In addition to the above mentioned certificates, the plants and plant products listed in **Annex V, Part B** to Council Directive 2000/29/EC shall, from the time of their entry in the EU, be subject to customs inspections and supervision by the responsible official bodies.

The inspections shall consist in:

- Documentary checks establishing that the required certificates, alternative documents or marks have been issued or satisfied
- Identity checks establishing that the plants, plant products or other objects conform to the ones declared on the required documents and
- Plant health checks establishing that the plants, plant products or other objects, including their wood packing material if any, comply with the specific requirements and phytosanitary measures specified in Council Directive 2000/29/EC and can be imported into the EU.

The inspections must be made at the point of entry into the EU at the proper Member State's border inspection post (BIP). However, identity checks and plant health checks may be carried out at the place of destination provided that there is satisfaction of specific guarantees and documents regarding transport of plants and plant products determined for each particular case

4. Importers register

Importers, whether or not producers, of plants, plant products or other objects, listed in **Annex V, Part B** to Council Directive 2000/29/EC must be included in an official register of a Member State under an official registration number.

5. Advance notice on imports

Member States may require airport authorities, harbour authorities, importers or operators to give, as soon as they are aware of the imminent arrival of a consignment of plants, plant products and other objects advance notice to the customs office of point of entry and to the official body of point of entry.

In addition and without prejudice to provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC, plants, plant products and any other material capable of harbouring plant pests may be subject to emergency measures.

Legislation

EU legislation on plant health control

Other information sources

European Commission - DG Health and Consumer Protection:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/organisms/index_en.htm

Additional information for Finland

Inspection Procedure

Imports of plant and plant products can only be done through the authorised points of entry and from the time of their arrival will be subject to the supervision of the officials of the competent authorities under customs surveillance.

The points of entry are situated at Helsinki, Karigasniemi, Kotka, Lappeenranta, Nivala, Nuijamaa, Näätimö (Heiden), Raaske, Tampere, Turku, Vaalimaa, Vainikkala, Vanhaa and Vartiua. Wood material from Russia is also allowed to be imported at some other points.

The importer or its representative must give advance notice of the arrival and submit a request for inspection that should at least contain:

- The "Taric" code (the product identification in the European Integrated Tariff Nomenclature)
- An statement indicating that the consignment contains produce of phytosanitary relevance
- Reference number (s) of the required phytosanitary documentation
- Official registration number of the importer



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Duty applicable to a product for **all** countries outside the EU

Preferential duty applicable to a **particular** country

IMPORT TARIFFS

INPUT FORM

Enter a product code (10 digits) [Browse or Search](#)

Select a country of origin

Select a simulation date 02 July 2010



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 Country of origin: Thailand
 Simulation date: October 7, 2011

Code	Product Description					
07	EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS					
0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled					
0709 30	-Aubergines (eggplants)					
Origin	Add. Code	Measure Type	Tariff	Conditions	Footnote	Regulation/ Decision
ERGA OMNES		Third country duty	12.8 %			R2204/99
GSP (general arrangement)		Tariff preference	9.3 %			R0732/08
Thailand		Entry into free circulation (restriction)		Show	CD597	R1099/10

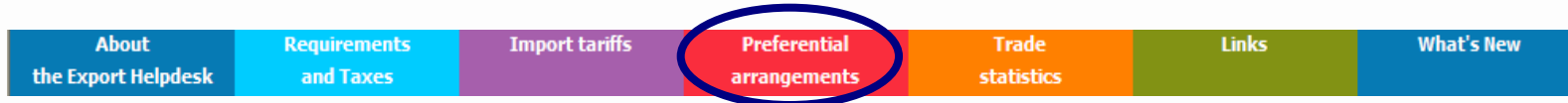
Footnotes

CD597 The release for free circulation shall be subject to the presentation of a common entry document or its electronic equivalent duly completed by the competent authority once all controls required have been carried out and favourable results from physical checks, where such checks are required, are known

Source DG Taxation and Customs Union Taric : 07/10/2011



How do I proof the origin of my product?



Outline of various preferential arrangements

Proof of origin certificate

Specific **conditions** as regards the origin of the product

Remember: without the proof of origin, your product will not benefit from preferential tariff rate

RULES OF ORIGIN

INPUT FORM

Select a regime: GSP Rules

Introductory Notes: View

Enter a product code (2,4 digits): 0709 [Browse or Search](#) View



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RULES OF ORIGIN

GSP RULES AS FROM 1 JANUARY 2011 - CHAPTER07 - DETAIL

HS heading	Description of product	Working or processing, carried out on non-originating materials, which confers originating status
Chapter 7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used are wholly obtained

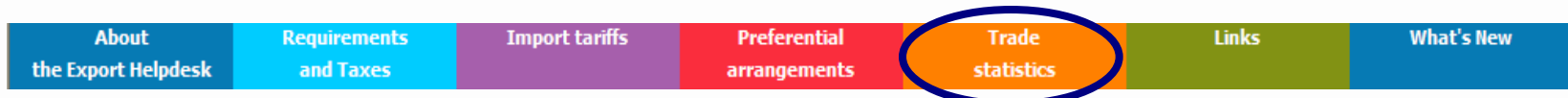
How to read the rules of origin?

1. Columns 1 and 2 describe the product obtained. Column 1 gives the chapter number, 4-digit heading or 6-digit sub-heading number used in the Harmonized System, as appropriate. Column 2 gives the description of goods used in that system for that heading or chapter. For each entry in columns 1 and 2, subject to Note 2.4, one or more rules ("qualifying operations") are set out in column 3. These qualifying operations concern only non-originating materials. Where, in some cases, the entry in column 1 is preceded by "ex", this signifies that the rule in column 3 applies only to the part of that heading as described in column 2.
2. Where several Harmonized System headings or sub-headings are grouped together in column 1 or a chapter number is given and the description of products in column 2 is therefore given in general terms, the adjacent rule in column 3 applies to all products which, under the Harmonized System, are classified in headings of the chapter or in any of the headings or sub-headings grouped together in column 1.
3. Where there are different rules in the list applying to different products within a heading, each indent contains the description of that part of the heading covered by the adjacent rule in column 3.
4. Where two alternative rules are set out in column 3, separated by "or", it is at the choice of the exporter which one to use.
5. In most cases, the rule(s) set out in column 3 shall apply to all beneficiary countries (i.e. both those benefiting from the "Special arrangement for least developed countries" (LDCs) of GSP (also known as Everything But Arms or EBA), and those benefiting from the GSP general arrangement or the Special incentive arrangement for sustainable development and good governance, also known as "GSP Plus". However, for some products a less stringent rule shall apply for products originating in LDCs. In these cases, column 3 is split into two sub-columns, (a) and (b), with sub-column (a) showing the rule applicable to LDCs and sub-column (b) showing the rule applicable to all other beneficiary countries.

The countries benefiting from the special arrangement for the least developed countries are listed in Regulation (EC) No 732/2006.



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To obtain detailed **statistics** about trade flows



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TRADE STATISTICS

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Trade Statistics (Imports)
 EUR27 / Thailand
 For commodity 07093000 in Year 2007,2008,2009,2010

Code	Product Description			
07	EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS			
0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled			
0709 30	-Aubergines (eggplants)			
Indicators	Import Value (1000 EURO)	Import Value (1000 EURO)	Import Value (1000 EURO)	Import Value (1000 EURO)
Reporters	EUR27	EUR27	EUR27	EUR27
Years	2007	2008	2009	2010
Partners				
Thailand	948.120	1 320.810	2 150.130	775.310

Source Eurostat Comext : 05/09/2011 - [Other sources](#)



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Welcome by Karel De Gucht

European Commissioner for External Trade

Dear reader,

The European Trade policy had a distinct Latin American flavour last month.

In a recent Summit in Madrid together with my Latin American and Caribbean counterparts, we deepened our trade relationships in many ways depending on the partners concerned.

We reached a comprehensive trade agreement with Colombia and Peru, we forged a trade deal on a regional basis with Central America, relaunched trade negotiations with Mercosur and held the first meeting of the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement Joint Council.



This is good news for the trade and development community. It is precisely because we face challenging times that we must open the doors wider for trade, thereby ensuring increased regional and economic stability.

Negotiations such as these are defining moments in a trade relationship. With Cariforum, we have set up the institutions that will accompany the implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreement.

Besides the Caribbean nations, the EU is also going further in its relations with the countries of Africa and the Pacific. Over the past months I have had the opportunity to discuss the progress of the European Partnership Agreements with several African groups. These agreements have the potential to create the framework for economies to place themselves regionally and globally. The history of global trade contains many precedents. I fully believe in this and will work hard to reach full and comprehensive agreements with the ACP countries in the future.

And the future is not that far away. The EU is currently re-thinking its trade policy for the future and we would be very much interested to know your opinion. In this edition of the Export Helpdesk newsletter you will learn how to make your views on the future trade policy known. You will also be informed on how the business community in developing countries uses the Export Helpdesk to access European markets.

I hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter!



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