

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXPORTERS** **(Specially for Exporters to UK)**

- The United Kingdom (UK) will leave the EU on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- After 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, there will be a transition period until the end of 2020, while the UK and the EU negotiate additional arrangements regarding the withdrawal.
- The current rules on trade, travel, and business for the UK and the EU will continue to apply during the transition period. This means;
  1. All Sri Lankan products, which currently enjoy duty-free market access in the EU under “GSP Plus” will be able to enjoy the same duty-free access in the UK market from 01.02.2020 until 31.12.2020, which is known as the transition period.
  2. The Department of Commerce (DOC), in consultation with the Sri Lanka High Commission in London, will inform you in due course of the terms and conditions the UK will apply to our exports with effect from 01.01.2021.
  3. All (EU GSP Plus) REX-registered exporters can continue to ship **their “EU-GSP Plus entitled”** merchandise to the UK market with a “Statement of Origin”, which is similar to what they currently make with regard to their EU-bound exports.
  4. New exporters, who are not REX-registered up to now, are advised to obtain their REX-registration from the DOC, located on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, “Rakshana Mandiraya” 21 Vauxhall Street, Colombo 02 as soon as possible.
  5. Rules of Origin for goods exported to the UK market till 31.12.2020 will be same as those applied under the EU “GSP Plus”.

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