

Important Notice to Exporters (Effective from 15.01.2021)

1. Issuance of Certificates of Origin (CoO) under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for commodities except Areca Nut and Black Pepper

The CoOs under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for commodities/products except Areca Nut and Black Pepper will be issued at the time of exportation (prior to on board date) and also after the goods are shipped.

Hence, the exporters who are applying for CoOs under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA for the commodities referred to above, are **strongly advised to obtain CoOs at the time of exportation (prior to on board date) in order to overcome retrospective issue.**

2. Procedure for Issuing CoOs for Spices and Allied Products (Areca Nut, Black Pepper, Nutmeg, Mace, Cloves, Tamarind, Cardamom and Cinnamon) under ISFTA, PSFTA, SAFTA and SAPTA

2.1. For Nutmeg, Mace, Cloves, Tamarind, Cardamom and Cinnamon

a. Pre-shipment Inspection:

Export consignments will be subject to pre-shipment inspection (Pre-shipment inspection is temporarily exempted due to Covid 19).

b. Documents required:

For Air Freight Shipments	For Sea Freight Shipments
Before the shipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Invoice • Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II) After the shipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the Airway Bill • Export Cusdec (Party's Copy) • A copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Invoice • Cargo Dispatch Note • Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II) • Export Cusdec (Party's Copy) • Bill of Lading (Draft B/Ls are also accepted)

2.2 For Areca Nut and Black Pepper

a. The CoOs will be issued only after the shipment has been made.

b. Pre-shipment Inspection:


- Export consignments will be subject to pre-shipment inspection (Pre-shipment inspection is temporarily exempted due to Covid 19).
- Exporters should send the details of the stock as per the attached format in **Annexure-I**, together with the relevant invoices and photographs of the stock.

c. Documents required:

For Air Freight Shipments	For Sea Freight Shipments
Before the shipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Invoice • Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II) After the shipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the Airway Bill • Export Cusdec (Party's Copy) • A copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Invoice • Cargo Dispatch Note • Affidavit (As per the format in Annexure-II) • Export Cusdec (Party's Copy) • Original Bill of Lading • Original application submitted to the National Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) for Phytosanitary Certificate (signed by an authorized officer of NPQS) • Photograph of showing container no. and the registration no. of the vehicle/trailer

Important Notes:

1. **Spices and allied products exporters** should include,
 - both B/L No. and Container No in the CoO,
 - the declaration "This information is based on Sri Lanka Customs Declaration No. dated" in the CoO
2. **All exporters** should indicate in cage 36 of the Cusdec the abbreviation of the applicable trade agreement (Eg. ISFTA/PSFTA/SAFTA/SAPTA)
3. In the case of air freight shipments, the Department of Commerce may cancel the issued CoO if the documents to be provided after the shipment are not submitted to the DoC within **10 calendar days** from the date of shipment.
4. The Department of Commerce has the right to cancel any CoO, if post-shipment verifications reveal that the exporting company, any of its representatives, agent or person nominated by it, have made any false declarations, submitted false or fraudulent documents/statements or by word or deed misrepresented any facts relating to origin or any other relevant matter.



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