



Notice concerning the application of a system to register Ghanaian exporters for the purpose of making out origin declarations for exports from Ghana to the European Union under the EU-Ghana stepping-stone Economic Partnership Agreement

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This notice is issued for the information of customs authorities, importers and economic operators, which are involved in imports into the European Union of products originating in Ghana under the EU-Ghana stepping-stone Economic Partnership Agreement (the 'EPA').

Complementing the notice 2023/C 245/06 of 12 July 2023 ⁽¹⁾, Ghana has notified the European Commission that, to benefit from the preferential access provided for by the EU-Ghana EPA, exporters from Ghana eligible to make out origin declarations shall obtain an Exporter Registration Number through the Ghana Revenue Authority's Integrated Customs Management System (ICUMS).

Consequently, and without prejudice to the exemptions laid down in Articles 17(4) and 26 of Protocol 1, **as from 20 August 2023** products originating in Ghana shall, on importation into the EU, benefit from the preferential tariff treatment of the EPA upon submission of an origin declaration made out, as provided for in Article 21 of Protocol 1, by:

- (i) an exporter from Ghana registered in the Ghanaian ICUMS website, or
- (ii) any exporter from Ghana, for any consignment consisting of one or more packages containing originating products whose total value does not exceed EUR 6 000.

In accordance with Articles 17(2)(b) and 21(4) the exporter shall make out the origin declaration by typing, stamping or printing the text which appears in Annex IV to Protocol No 1 to the EU-Ghana EPA on the invoice, the delivery note or another commercial document which describes the products concerned in sufficient detail to enable them to be identified.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 245, 12.7.2023, p. 6.