

Notice to importers**Imports of tuna products from Thailand into the European Union**

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The European Commission informs European Union operators that there are reasonable doubts concerning the proper application of the preferential tariff treatment and the applicability of proofs of origin presented in the European Union for canned tuna and frozen tuna loins of HS subheading 160414 imported from Thailand.

It would appear — following a number of investigations — that significant quantities of canned tuna and frozen tuna loins of HS subheading 160414 are declared for release for free circulation in the European Union as having Thai origin, despite not being eligible for such preferential treatment.

European Union operators declaring or presenting proofs of origin for the products mentioned above are therefore advised to take all necessary precautions. This is because the release of the goods in question for free circulation may give rise to a customs debt, lead to fraud and, consequently, negatively affect European Union financial interests. The possible subsequent entry in the accounts of a customs debt resulting from the abovementioned circumstances will be covered by the provisions of the fifth subparagraph of Article 220(2)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1).