

Frequently Asked Questions

Trade in Goods

General

1. How will CEPA help the manufacturing sector in HK?

Products manufactured in Hong Kong that meet the CEPA origin rules enjoy zero tariff for import into the Mainland. This preferential treatment enhances the competitiveness of HK products geared for the Mainland market.

2. Can new investors of local manufacturing facilities enjoy zero tariff under the CEPA? Do they have to meet the definition of Hong Kong companies in CEPA Annex 5?

The requirements relating to Hong Kong service providers in Annex 5 are only applicable to trade in services but not trade in goods. New manufacturers can also enjoy the zero tariff benefit under CEPA, provided that the goods they produce can meet the CEPA rules of origin.

3. What are the application procedures for zero tariff in respect of products exported to the Mainland?

Hong Kong manufacturers should apply for a Certificate of Hong Kong origin – CEPA (“CO(CEPA)”). An approved CO(CEPA) should be passed to the Mainland importer. When lodging the import declaration, the importer should produce the CO(CEPA) to the Mainland customs authorities for claiming tariff preference. Other normal formalities and procedures for importation of products into the Mainland remain the same.