

**Mainland and Hong Kong**  
**Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)**

**Agreement on Trade in Goods**

**Frequently Asked Questions – Request for Revisions to CEPA Rules of Origins**

**Q1: What are the procedures and requirements for Hong Kong manufacturers to request for revisions to CEPA rules of origin (ROOs)? What should the manufacturers take note when completing the application forms?**

A: Traders should refer to Certificate of Origin Circulars issued by the Trade and Industry Department (TID) from time to time at the following web link

[https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradegoods/application\\_procedures.html](https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/tradegoods/application_procedures.html) announcing the arrangements for conducting CEPA Rules of Origins Consultations between the Mainland and Hong Kong and the application procedures. Manufacturers who wish to submit request for revisions to CEPA ROOs are advised to read the relevant circular and the form in detail and provide information of the relevant goods and production details to TID by completing the application form attached to the circular (the application form can be downloaded from the following web link:<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/form/publicform/cepa/files/tid144.pdf>). Application submitted in other formats will not be accepted. Manufacturers can lodge applications by sending the completed application forms by fax (fax number: 2787 6048), by email (email address: [cepaco@tid.gov.hk](mailto:cepaco@tid.gov.hk)), or by post (address: Factory Registration and Origin Certification Branch, 14/F, Trade and Industry Tower, 3 Concorde Road, Kowloon City, Hong Kong).

**Q2: Are the manufacturers required to have valid Factory Registration before making the request? For the person signing Part Three (Declaration) of the application form, is it mandatory for he/she to be the authorized signatory under the Factory Registration?**

A: Hong Kong manufacturers without valid Factory Registration may also lodge a request. For manufacturers who have a valid Factory Registration, they should fill in the Factory Registration details in the form.

The signatory of Part Three (Declaration) of the form needs not be the authorized signatory under the Factory Registration, but he/she should either be the proprietor (for sole proprietorship), one of the partners (for partnership), or a director or an authorized officer (for limited company) of the company.

**Q3: Can request be submitted for goods which are not being produced in Hong Kong?**

A: Yes. Manufacturers, regardless of whether they are currently producing or planning to produce the goods concerned, may make a request for revisions to CEPA ROOs by completing the application form attached to the relevant circular (the application form can be downloaded from the following web link:

<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/form/publicform/cepa/files/tid144.pdf>).

**Q4: How can manufacturers obtain the Hong Kong Harmonized System (HKHS) codes and the Mainland tariff codes for the goods covered by their request for revisions to CEPA ROOs?**

A: Manufacturers may refer to the “Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System)” for information about the HKHS codes, which is available at the website of the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) (The enquiry hotline of the Trade

Classification Section of C&SD is 2877 1818, the Commodity Code Enquiry Hotline is 3178 8933). If manufacturers are not familiar with the HKHS codes or are not sure about the HKHS codes for the goods covered by their applications, they are encouraged to complete the C&SD's "Commodity Code Enquiry Form" (the form can be downloaded from the website of the C&SD at <http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/trader/hscodex/index.jsp>) and forward it to the C&SD.

For the Mainland tariff codes, the manufacturers may check with their importers or the Mainland Customs.

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