

Minimal Operations or Processes
under Article 3.7 (Minimal Operations or Processes) of
Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the HKCPEFTA

Notwithstanding any provision in Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the HKCPEFTA, a good shall not be considered to have satisfied the requirements for an originating good merely by reason of going through one or more of the following operations -

- (a) operations to ensure the preservation of the good in good condition during transport and storage;
- (b) breaking-up or assembly of consignments;
- (c) packing, unpacking or repacking operations for retail sale purposes;
- (d) slaughter of animals;
- (e) simple¹ assembly of parts of the good to constitute a complete good or disassembly of the good into parts;
- (f) washing, cleaning or removal of dust, oxide, oil, paint or other coverings;
- (g) ironing, folding or pressing of textiles;
- (h) simple¹ painting and polishing operations;
- (i) sharpening, simple¹ grinding or simple¹ cutting;
- (j) sifting, screening, sorting, classifying, grading, matching (including the mere making-up of sets of articles);
- (k) affixing or printing² marks, labels, logos and other like distinguishing signs on products or their packaging;
- (l) simple mixing³ of products, whether or not of different kinds; or
- (m) placing in bottles, cans, flasks, bags, cases or boxes.

¹ “Simple” in subparagraphs (e), (h) and (i) describes an activity which needs neither special skills nor special machines, apparatus or equipment especially produced or installed for carrying out the activity.

² Printing of marks, labels, logos and other like distinguishing signs shall not be considered as an insufficient working or processing operation if the printed marks, labels, logos and other like distinguishing signs are the goods to be exported under preferential tariff treatment.

³ “Simple mixing” describes an activity which needs neither special skills nor special machines, apparatus or equipment especially produced or installed for carrying out the activity. “Simple mixing” does not include chemical reaction.