

INDIA LEGAL UPDATE

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Acceptance of Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-COO) issued under India- Japan CEPA

Notification Date

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Legal Framework

Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

Government Authority

Ministry of Finance

Source Weblink

[CBIC, International Customs Division, Instruction No. 13/2023 dated March 31, 2023](#)

LEGAL UPDATE

The International Customs Division of the Ministry of Finance has issued a clarification on the acceptance of e-COO issued under the India-Japan CETA.

- It is clarified that an e-COO (Electronic Certificate of Origin), issued by the authority of Japan, is a valid document to claim preferential benefit under the India-Japan CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement).
- It is to be noted that the e-COO must be issued in the prescribed format, bear the seal and signatures of the authorised signatory, and fulfil requirements as per Notification No. 55/2011-Customs dated July 1, 2011.
- The e-COO shall be mandatorily uploaded on e-Sanchit by the importer/Customs Broker for availing of preferential benefit.
- The e-COO particulars such as unique reference number and date, originating criteria etc. shall be carefully entered while filing the bill of entry.
- For defacement purposes, a printed copy of the e-COO shall be presented to the Customs Officer, who shall cross-check the unique reference number and other particulars entered in the bill of entry with the printed copy of the e-COO.
- This procedure will be in lieu of defacing the original hard copy of a certificate of origin.

Queries?

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