

1523 Disclosure of Advance Ruling on Rules of Origin

In an import declaration, the origin of the goods must be identified by the importer. This process of identification is called determination of origin.

As general basis for determination of origin, there are rules of origin based on laws, regulations and provisions under GSP(Generalized System for Preferences), Economic Partnership Agreements(EPAs), Non-preferential Rules of Origin and so on. Commentaries on such schemes and other relevant information can be found on the Japan Customs website as well. (See the following address: <http://www.customs.go.jp/zeikan/seido/origin/kaitoujirei.htm>)

However, such commentaries and information are general in description and some find them difficult to use when determining specific origin for the cargo to be imported.

For this reason, specific examples of written inquiries regarding advance ruling on rules of origin and details of rulings are disclosed and available at customs office counters, etc., in hopes of enhancing transparency of customs operations and increasing predictability on the part of importers in general.

When requesting an advance ruling, please note that the details on the inquiries and responses in each case of advance ruling are disclosed as a general rule (with a nondisclosure period granted for 180 days maximum).

Contact point:

List of Telephone Numbers for Inquiry on Advance Ruling on Rules of Origin

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| Hakodate Customs | Tel. 0138-40-4256 |
| Tokyo Customs | Tel. 03-3599-6527 |
| Yokohama Customs | Tel. 045-212-6174 |
| Nagoya Customs | Tel. 052-654-4205 |
| Osaka Customs | Tel. 06-6576-3196 |
| Kobe Customs | Tel. 078-333-3097 |
| Moji Customs | Tel. 050-3530-8369 |
| Nagasaki Customs | Tel. 095-828-8665 |
| Okinawa Regional Customs | Tel. 098-862-8692 |