

1523 Disclosure of Advance Ruling on Certificates of Origin

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

As general basis for certification of origin there are restrictions on preferential treatment (general preferential tariffs and various economic partnership agreements) and country of origin, based on laws and regulations, as well as agreement provisions, etc., for non-preferential treatment. Commentaries on such schemes and other relevant information can be found on the Japan Customs website as well.

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

For this reason, specific examples of written inquiries regarding advance ruling on certificates 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).

List of Telephone Numbers for Inquiry on Advance Ruling

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. 098-862-9291