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NOTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE CONTACT GROUP

Subject: Registration of EU exporters for the purpose of CETA.

With a view to the forthcoming implementation of CETA, the attention of TCG members is drawn on the following information, published on TAXUD Webpage dedicated to EU-Canada Customs Cooperation:

http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/international-affairs/international-customs-cooperation-mutual-administrative-assistance-agreements/canada_en

EU EXPORTERS TO CANADA, ARE YOU READY FOR CETA?

Once in force, *Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)* between the EU and Canada will offer firms more business opportunities in Canada and support job creation in Europe.

Attention! To benefit from *preferential tariff treatment* under CETA, you will have to complete these few simple steps:

1. Apply for a Registered Exporter (REX) number by completing this form.
2. Send the completed form to your national Customs Office
(Check with your national customs authorities for the possibility of on-line registration)
3. You will then receive a REX number to indicate on the origin declaration to be provided on the commercial document that describes the product
4. The originating product will then benefit from CETA in Canada on the basis of the origin declaration.

Registration of exporters

The requirement for EU exporters to be registered in REX for CETA purpose is laid down in Article 68(1) UCC-IA. Provisions on REX in force in the EU for GSP purpose will apply *mutatis mutandis* for CETA purpose.

The associations representing the business community in the TCG are therefore invited to pass on that information to their members.

Transition for approved exporters

Pending the registration in the REX system of all EU exporters interested, Article 68(5), in its new version to result from the forthcoming amendment to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447, will secure **a transition period for approved exporters until 31.12.2017**. This transition will allow exporters being holders of authorisations as approved exporters for any preferential arrangement on the date of application of CETA to use their approved exporter number to make out origin declarations for their preferential exports to Canada.

Exporters of consignments of a value not exceeding EUR 6 000 euros are not required to be registered.

Guidance on CETA rules of origin

Further **guidance on the implementation of rules of origin of CETA** is under preparation and will be shared with TCG.

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