

CETA origin declaration

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Understand the requirements

CETA allows reduced or zero customs duty to be claimed for qualifying goods. The exporter must substantiate preferential origin: buying or shipping goods from Europe is not enough. GST and other applicable charges still apply. [1]

Who issues the declaration?

Your supplier acting as the exporter in the EU issues the declaration. A reseller must obtain evidence from its manufacturers or suppliers. The Canadian importer does not complete it on the exporter's behalf. [1]

Which document is needed?

Request the Annex 2 wording on the invoice or another commercial document identifying the goods. "Made in…", a chamber of commerce certificate, EUR.1 or a REX number alone does not replace it. [1, 2]

Three essential checks

REX number	Above **EUR 6,000 in originating products per consignment**, the EU exporter must be registered and enter its REX in the declaration. At EUR 6,000 or less, an unregistered exporter may leave the field blank. The threshold is per consignment, not an annual total. VAT and EORI do not replace REX. [3, 4]
Coverage period	One shipment: identify the invoice and leave the period blank. Multiple shipments into Canada of **identical originating goods**: a period of **no more than 12 months**; all imports must occur within it. [1]
Signature	An EU exporter benefits from a **signature waiver** and must be clearly identified. A voluntary signature is still possible; a declaration should not be rejected solely because it is unsigned. [3, 4]

Scope: EU to Canada. For the United Kingdom, Switzerland or Norway, ask SECAM for the document under the applicable agreement. Detailed sources appear on the next page. [6]



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Request, check and submit

1 Send the request

Before shipment, send the message below and the blank template (page 3). the official wording may also be added directly to the invoice.

2 Have it completed

Exporter, address, recipient, invoice and precise goods. Country of manufacture in the table; HS code optional. Mark non-originating goods “EXCLUDED”. In the statement: REX when required and “European Union” for EU origin. “Canada/EU” is also provided for in Annex 2. Canada or Ceuta and Melilla: consult SECAM. [1, 3]

3 Check and submit

Check references, goods, origin, dates and REX. Have the exporter correct uncertainties. Send the declaration and invoice to SECAM before the customs declaration. Keep import records for six years. [2, 5]

MESSAGE TO SEND TO THE SUPPLIER

Subject: CETA origin declaration: [reference]

Hello,
Please confirm which goods on our invoice / order [reference] meet CETA origin rules. Please add the Annex 2 wording to your invoice or complete the attached template, clearly excluding non-qualifying goods.

Enter REX when required (above EUR 6,000 in originating products per consignment). For multiple shipments of identical goods, enter [from… to…], not exceeding 12 months.

Please return the document before shipment. Signing is voluntary for EU exporters. If you cannot confirm preferential origin, please let us know.
Thank you for your cooperation.

OFFICIAL SOURCES / CLICKABLE LINKS

1 CETA Protocol: Art. 2, 18-19, 26; Annex 2
2 CBSA: proof of origin, D11-4-2
3 European Commission: guidance, sections 8a-8d
4 French Customs: REX and signature
5 CBSA: origin and record keeping
6 CBSA: separate Canada-UK agreement

CETA ORIGIN DECLARATION

Exports from the European Union to Canada

Exporter: legal name

Exporter’s full address, including country

Recipient / Importer

Invoice / Commercial document reference

PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS DOCUMENT

Description and product reference	HS code*	Made in (country)	Status**

* Optional. ** Originating or EXCLUDED. Attach an identified list if needed.

Period: from to YYYY-MM-DD | Maximum 12 months

Leave the period blank for a single shipment.

The exporter of the products covered by this document (customs authorisation No) declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of preferential origin.

Enter REX when required; for EU origin, enter “European Union”.

Place

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Printed name of the exporter / signatory

Title (optional)

Exporter’s signature (optional for an EU exporter)

The exporter retains evidence of origin. The declaration must allow the goods to be linked to the invoice or commercial document identified above. This template may be replaced by the official wording directly on that document.