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Obtain an EAC Certificate of Origin

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The East African Community (EAC) Certificate of Origin certifies that goods meet the common market's rules of origin, allowing preferential (duty-free) treatment on trade between member states. It is issued by the designated authority in each member state, usually the national chamber of commerce or the revenue authority.

Steps	Total time	Published fixed costs	Responsible institution
3	**Not communicated**	**Not communicated**	**KenTrade**

3 proportional, variable or unpublished cost(s)

Prerequisites

- Be registered as a trading business in the exporting member state
- Be able to demonstrate EAC origin of the goods under the Common Market Protocol

Steps

1. Assemble the file proving origin

Gather the commercial invoice, packing list and, depending on the product, the proof of processing or local value addition required by the EAC rules of origin.

Channel At the counter **Cost** No fee at this stage

2. File the application with the designated authority

In Kenya the application is filed online via KRA/KenTrade; in other member states it is filed with the national chamber of commerce. The exact point of entry varies by member state and should be verified locally.

Institution KenTrade **Channel** Online **Cost** Varies by member state, not confirmed here

3. Verification and issuance of the certificate

The authority checks the documents and issues the EAC Certificate of Origin, which must accompany the goods to the entry border post in the importing member state.

Institution KenTrade **Channel** At the counter **Cost** Not communicated

Legal basis

- Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Common Market (EAC Common Market Protocol)
- East African Community Rules of Origin (EAC Rules of Origin)

Sources

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