

The EAC Certificate of Origin

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The EAC Certificate of Origin attests that goods meet EAC rules of origin, qualifying them for intra-EAC preferential treatment.

Purpose

The EAC Certificate of Origin lets an exporter prove that goods originate from a partner state under EAC rules of origin, a condition for the duty exemption on intra-EAC trade.

Who issues it

The certificate is generally issued by the competent revenue authority or chamber of commerce of the exporting partner state, under procedures specific to each country. The exact procedure, supporting documents and timelines are not reproduced here: verify with the national revenue authority (KRA, TRA, URA, RRA, OBR, DGDA) or the relevant chamber of commerce.

Points to watch

- EAC rules of origin set out substantial transformation criteria and local value-added thresholds, not detailed here: verify with the EAC Secretariat.
- A good re-exported without sufficient processing may not qualify.

Sources

1. EAC Customs Union, East African Community (eac.int) , consulted on 11 October 2026
<https://www.eac.int/customs>

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