

How to export to the European Union?

Step-by-step



Let us imagine the following example: you are a Mongolian businessman who would like to export t-shirts to France. Where would you start?

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1 What is the product code number for my product in the European classification of goods?

First, you need to know the specific code your product has in the European classification of goods. You just have to click on "input form". Browsing the database you can find that cotton t-shirts are classified under the code: 61 09 10

2 What requirements have to be fulfilled for my product to be imported to the EU? Which taxes apply?

Now, you need to know which conditions your product should fulfil to enter the European market. What are the rules of labelling for textiles? And also, what are the VAT rates applicable to cotton t-shirts in France? You will find all this information in the "Requirements and Taxes" section.

3 What is the duty applicable to my product? Does my case benefit from a preferential trade arrangement?

In the "Import Tariffs" section, you can find that exports of cotton t-shirts from Mongolia benefit from a tariff preference under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP). Under this regime, cotton t-shirts can enter the EU market with a reduced import tariff of 0% (instead of the 12% duty that usually applies). That means there will be no import tariff to pay for you.

4 Where can I find details on the preferential arrangements I am entitled to? How can I certify the origin of my product?

In the "Preferential arrangements" section you will find detailed information on the GSP. Under the sub-section "Documents you need", you will find, the proof of origin you must submit to demonstrate that your cotton t-shirts come from Mongolia and which allow you to benefit from the import tariff reduction. You will learn that to benefit from this reduced tariff rate, a certificate of origin 'Form A' is necessary. Through the input form you will find out the conditions to be met for cotton t-shirts to be classified as "originating" from Mongolia.

5 How can I obtain detailed statistics about trade flows?

In the "Trade Statistics" section you will see that last year the EU imported € 2.710.000 worth of cotton t-shirts from Mongolia. The largest import market in the EU for this product was Ireland. Interested in cracking other EU market?

6 How can I find EU partners?

By consulting the "Links" section, you will find lists of EU customs authorities, EU Chambers of Commerce, trade and professional associations as well as links to business-to-business platforms.



How to export to the EU? Check it at www.exporthelp.europa.eu