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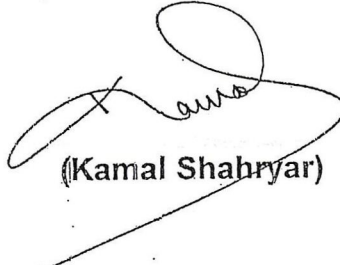
Subject: **Introduction of REX Scheme for Exports to EU under GSP**

Please find enclosed a notice issued in the press by TDAP regarding introduction of the new system for issuance of Certificate of Origin (COO) for exports to the European Union (EU) under GSP Preferential Facility. Salient features regarding operation of the new system (termed as "REX System") may please be referred from the enclosed press notice.

2. As mentioned in the press notice, TDAP will issue application forms for exporters' registration to the REX System through concerned Trade Bodies, or the exporters can download these from the TDAP website. Completed form will be received back from exporters by TDAP through the Trade Bodies after due verification of the data entered in the forms.

3. The application form for the REX Scheme is also enclosed with this letter. It is requested that this form may please be passed on to interested exporters asking them to return completed form to the Association. Upon receipt of completed forms the Association may please verify form's particulars and forward verified forms to the TDAP, Head Office, Karachi as per address provided below:

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To: Concerned Trade Associations as Attached List.

Attention – Pakistani Exporters to the European Union (EU)

A new system for issuance of Certificate of Origin (COO) by beneficiary countries has been introduced by EU effective January 1, 2017 to cover exports under the EU-GSP preferential tariff facility. Termed as Registered Exporter (REX) system, the new system will enable Pakistani exporters to issue the COO on their own as "Statement of Origin" (SOO) upon their registration into EU's REX database through TDAP. The REX system does not impact the rules for determining the origin of goods. It only concerns the method to certify the originating status of goods.

Pakistan is required to completely switch to the REX system by the end of December 2017. There will be an overlap of about 12 months when both existing and new systems will run in parallel. However, once an exporter is registered within REX, thenceforth he will issue the "Statement of Origin" himself by endorsing the invoice or any other commercial document and will not be eligible for getting the COO issued through TDAP.

Prescribed Application Form to be completed by exporters for REX registration may be obtained from concerned trade associations (or downloaded from TDAP website) and completed form routed through them to the TDAP after due verification. The data required by the Application Form is of a general nature comprising: exporter's name, address, and contact numbers; main activity (trader, producer or both); and an indicative list of goods to be exported.

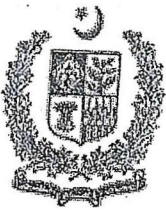
Relevant documentation for operationalization of the REX system have already been submitted to the EU by Pakistan and TDAP will soon start the physical registration process upon receipt of data entry instructions and access to REX's online database. Further updates on the REX system will be available on TDAP website.

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APPLICATION TO BECOME A REGISTERED EXPORTER UNDER EU-GSP

1. Exporter's Name, full address and country

2. Contact details including telephone and fax number as well as e-mail address where available.

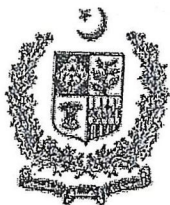
3. Specify whether the main activity is producing or trading.

4. Indicative description of goods which qualify for preferential treatment, including indicative list of Harmonised System headings (or chapters where goods traded fall within more than twenty Harmonised System headings).

5. Undertakings to be given by an exporter

The undersigned hereby:

- declares that the above details are correct,
- certifies that no previous registration has been revoked; conversely, certifies that the situation which led to any such revocation has been remedied,
- undertakes to make out statements on origin only for goods which qualify for preferential treatment and comply with the origin rules specified for those goods in the Generalised System of Preferences,
- undertakes to maintain appropriate commercial accounting records for production/supply of goods qualifying for preferential treatment and to keep them for at least 3 years from the end of the calendar year in which the statement on origin was made out,
- undertakes to immediately notify the competent authority of changes as they arise to his registration data since acquiring the number of registered exporter,
- undertakes to cooperate with the competent authority,
- undertakes to accept any checks on the accuracy of his statements on origin, including verification of accounting records and visits to his premises by the European Commission or Member States' authorities, as well as the authorities of Norway, Switzerland and Turkey (applicable only to exporters in beneficiary countries);



- undertakes to request his removal from the system, should he no longer meet the conditions for exporting any goods under the scheme,
- undertakes to request his removal from the system, should he no longer intend to export such goods under the scheme.

Place, date, signature of authorized signatory, name and job title

6. Prior specific and informed consent of exporter to the publication of his data on the public website

The undersigned is hereby informed that the information supplied in this declaration may be disclosed to the public via the public website. The undersigned accepts the publication of this information via the public website. The undersigned may withdraw his consent to the publication of this information via the public website by sending a request to the competent authorities responsible for the registration.

Place, date, signature of authorized signatory, name and job title.

7. Box for official use by competent authority

The applicant is registered under the following number:

Registration Number: _____

Date of registration: _____

Date from which the registration is valid _____

Signature and stamp: _____