**ANNEX-4**

**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A**

* 1. Certificates of origin Form A must conform to the specimen shown in this Annex. The use of English or French for the notes on the reverse of the certificate shall not be obligatory. Certificates shall be made out in English or French. If completed by hand, entries must be in ink and in capital letters.
	2. Each certificate shall measure 210 × 297 mm; a tolerance of up to minus 5 mm or plus 8 mm in the length may be allowed. The paper used shall be white writing paper, sized, not containing mechanical pulp and weighing not less than 25 g/m2 . It shall have a printed green guilloche-pattern background making any falsification by mech­ anical or chemical means apparent to the eye.

If the certificates have several copies, only the top copy which is the original shall be printed with a printed green guilloche-pattern background.

* 1. Each certificate shall bear a serial number, printed or otherwise, by which it can be identified.
	2. Certificates bearing older versions of the notes on the back of the form (1996, 2004 and 2005) may also be used until existing stocks are exhausted.’

**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FORM A**

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| **1.** Goods consigned from (exporter’s business name, address, country) | Reference No **A****GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES****CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN****(Combined declaration and certificate)****FORM A**Issued in........................................................................ (country) See notes overleaf   |
| **2.** Goods consigned to (consignee’s name, address, country) |
| **3.** Means of transport and route (as far as known) | **4.** For official use |
| **5.** Item  num-  ber  | **6.** Marks and  numbers of packages | **7.** Number and kind of packages, description of goods | **8.** Origin  criterion  (see notes  overleaf  | **9.** Gross weight or other  quantity  | **10.** Number  and date of invoices  |
| **11. Certification** It is hereby certified, on the basis of control carried out, that the declaration by the exporter is correct. .................................................................................................... Place and date, signature and stamp of certifying authority | **12.** **Declaration by the exporter** The undersigned hereby declares that the above details and statements are correct, that all the goods were, produced in ........................................................................ (country) and that they comply with the origin requirements specified for those goods in the generalized system of preferences for goods exported to  ..................................................................................................... (importing country) ..................................................................................................... Place and date, signature of authorized signatory |

‘**NOTES (2007)**

I. **Countries which accept Form A for the purposes of the generalized system of preferences (GSP):**

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| Australia (\*) | European Union: |  |  |  |
| Belarus | Austria | Finland | Netherlands |  |
| Canada | Belgium | France | Poland |  |
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| Japan | Bulgaria | Hungary | Portugal |  |
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| New Zealand (\*\*) | Cyprus | Ireland | Romania |  |
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| Norway |  |  |  |  |
| Russian Federation | Czech Republic | Italy | Slovakia |  |
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| Switzerland including | Denmark | Latvia | Slovenia |  |
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| Liechtenstein (\*\*\*) | Estonia | Lithuania | Spain |  |
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| Turkey | Germany | Luxembourg | Sweden |  |
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| United States of |  |  |  |  |
| America (\*\*\*\*) | Greece | Malta | United Kingdom |  |

*Full details of the conditions covering admission to the GSP in these countries are obtainable from the designated authorities in the exporting preference-receiving countries or from the customs authorities of the preference-giving countries listed above. An information note is also obtainable from the UNCTAD secretariat.*

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* + For Australia, the main requirement is the exporter's declaration on the normal commercial invoice. Form A, accompanied by the normal commercial invoice, is an acceptable alternative, but official certification is not required.
* Official certification is not required.

(\*\*\*) The Principality of Liechtenstein forms, pursuant to the Treaty of 29 March 1923, a customs union with Switzerland.

(\*\*\*\*) The United States does not require GSP Form A. A declaration setting forth all pertinent detailed information concerning the production or manufacture of the merchandise is considered sufficient only if requested by the district collector of customs.

II. **General conditions**

To qualify for preference, products must:

1. Fall within a description of products eligible for preference in the country of destination. The description entered on the form must be sufficiently detailed to enable the products to be identified by the customs officer examining them;
2. Comply with the rules of origin of the country of destination. Each article in a consignment must qualify separately in its own right; and
3. Comply with the consignment conditions specified by the country of destination. In general products must be consigned directly from the country of exportation to the country of destination, but most preference-giving countries accept passage through intermediate countries subject to certain conditions. (For Australia, direct consignment is not necessary.)

III. **Entries to be made in Box 8**

Preference products must either be wholly obtained in accordance with the rules of the country of destination or sufficiently worked or processed to fulfil the requirements of that country's origin rules.

1. Products wholly obtained: for export to all countries listed in Section I, enter the letter “P” in Box 8 (for Australia and New Zealand. Box 8 may be left blank).
2. Products sufficiently worked or processed: for export to the countries specified below, the entry in Box 8 should be as follows,
	1. United States of America: for single country shipments, enter the letter “Y” in Box 8: for shipments from recognized associations of counties, enter the letter “*Z*”, followed by the sum of the cost or value of the domestic materials and the direct cost of processing, expressed as a percentage of the ex-factory price of the exported products (example: “Y” 35 % or “Z” 35 %).
	2. Canada: for products which meet origin criteria from working or processing in more than cue eligible least developed country, enter letter “G” in Box 8, otherwise “F”.
	3. The European Union, Japan, Norway, Switzerland including Liechtenstein, and Turkey: enter the letter “W” in Box 8 followed by the Harmonized Commodity Description and coding system (Harmonized System) heading at the four-digit level of the exported product (example “W” 96.18).
	4. Russian Federation: for products which include value added in the exporting preference-receiving country, enter the letter “Y” in Box 8. followed by the value of imported materials and components expressed as a

percentage of the fob price of the exported products (example “Y” 45 %); for products obtained in a preference-receiving country and worked or processed in one or more other such countries, enter “Pk”.

1. Australia and New Zealand: completion of Box 8 is not required. It is sufficient that a declaration be properly made in Box 12.