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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Invoice Declaration - Any Other Commercial Document

FREELY TRANSLATED FROM ISRAELI CUSTOMS RULES

CLARIFICATION

Background

As from June 30, 2018, U.S. Exporters to Israel are no longer required to provide to the Israeli Customs authorities hard copy Certificate of Origin. Instead, U.S. exporters are required to print and sign the following declaration on the invoice or **on any other commercial document** (*For this process, a "commercial document" refers to a document issued by the exporter or by the producer only, as part of the shipping documentation, including Packing List and Pro-Forma as well as declaration printed on the official company letterhead of the exporter or producer*)

Declaration Text:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that unless otherwise indicated, the goods covered by this document fully comply with the rules of origin and the other provisions of the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of Israel and the Government of the United States of America.

- The Exporter (whether the exporter is the producer or not)

- The Producer (is not the exporter)

Tax Identification: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Please note:

- For U.S. exports to Israel, the “**Tax Identification**” required for the Invoice Declaration is typically a Tax Identification Number issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service to the exporter or manufacturer (producer).
- An employee of either the exporter or the manufacturer (producer) must issue and sign the Invoice Declaration. Please be sure to include all the required information – name, title, E-mail – of the employee who signs the Invoice Declaration.
- This will enable the Israeli Customs Authority to contact that employee directly with any questions to verify the origin of the imported goods. U.S. shippers must understand that for any shipment claiming the duty benefit under the US-IL FTA that Israeli Customs can require the exporter or producer that signs the declaration to submit any additional documentation to verify their claim for U.S origin under the U.S. I.L free trade agreement

Printed declaration on official company letterhead of the exporter or producer

To avoid any misunderstanding, the following instructions reference only to the following situations:

- A. In case the exporter or the producer are unable to add the declaration in his financial system as integral part of the text in the commercial document.
- B. In case U.S origin goods are exported to Israel and the commercial document is issued in third country. (for example, an EU seller sells U.S origin goods to an Israeli importer and he issue the commercial document)
 1. The declaration must be printed on official company letterhead of the exporter or producer.
 2. The company letterhead must include: exporter or producer company logo, company details including full address and date of issue.
 3. The declaration on the company letterhead must be issued by exporter or the producer in the U.S by his computerized system.
 4. The heading of the document will be: "**INVOICE DECLARATION**"
 5. The lines following the header must include the following details:
 - Commercial invoice number that the declarant relate to
 - Commercial invoice issuing date
 - Commercial invoice issuing Place
 6. In cases that the goods are shipped to Distribution or Logistic Centers in third countries (for example EU countries) and the commercial invoice is issued by a U.S entity or entity in the third country, the "INVOICE DECLARATION" that will be issued in the U.S must include the list of items that qualifies as U.S origin and the other provisions of the agreement of a Free Trade Area between the U.S and Israel (including direct shipment) and are entitled to receive customs preferential treatment.
 7. The "**INVOICE DECLARATION**" must be sent directly by the exporter or producer to the Israeli importer, without any involvement of a third party which is not a party to the business transaction.

GENERAL

Certificate of Non-Manipulation

Direct shipment – based on the FTA goods must be shipped directly from the United States into Israel.

Goods that are imported from Distribution or Logistic Centres in third country, will also require to be accompanied by a Certificate of Non-Manipulation from the customs authority of the third country to prove that the goods remained under customs control in a bonded warehouse in the third country, and have not been manipulated in that country.

Goods transshipped through a third country, will come under closer scrutiny from Israeli Customs.

Summary

- It is the exporter's or producer's responsibility to have the origin declaration on their commercial document(s).
- Shipper's/producer's details: it is mandatory to include tax identification, name, title, e-mail address and signature on the declaration. Missing one of these will invalidate the declaration.
- An invoice with mixed products—some of U.S origin and some in other countries—must include a clear mark next to each item line that shows whether it is or is not a U.S.-origin product.
- Any corrections or amendments made on the declaration, must be confirmed by exporter's or producer's stamp and signature.
- A declaration will only be valid if embedded in a commercial document.
- An origin declaration will only be valid if the declaration 'fixed text' is used (word-for-word); any other variation will not be accepted).

Faithfully yours,

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