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## PROCESS OF CLAIMING PREFERENTIAL RATES UNDER MSG TRADE AGREEMENT

FOR EXPORTS, EXPORTING COMPANIES WILL NEED TO FILLED OUT THE MSG CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AND ATTACHED THIS WITH OTHER EXPORTING DOCUMENTS. THE MSG CERTIFICATE IS SIGNED OFF BY RECOGNIZED CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TO ALLOW GOODS TO BE EXPORTED DUTY FREE. (CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARE THE CONFIRMING AUTHORITIES AND PROVE THAT GOODS ARE MSG COMPLIANT – SATISFIES THE RULES OF MSGTA.

FOR IMPORTS, IMPORTER WILL NEED TO PROVIDE CUSTOMS AGENTS (BROKER) WITH THIS CERTIFICATE (BOTH FORMS IF THEY ARE IMPORTED MATERIALS BEING TRANSFORM INTO ANOTHER PRODUCT. IN VANUATU, LICENCED CUSTOMS BROKER ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LODGING ENTRIES IN THE ASYCUDA WORLD HENCE THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH THIS CERTIFICATE WITH OTHER IMPORTING DOCUMENTS SUCH AS BILL OF LADING AND FREIGHT INVOICES.

#### HOW IS THIS RECORDED WHEN DECLARATION IS ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM.

- "MSG" is inserted in the FTA field 36 hence allowing the import duty exemption.
- System is configured for waiving of only import duty. Excise and VAT is still accounted for in the system, hence payable by importer.

#### PROCESS OF PROVIDING MONTHLY STATISTICS TO NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICER.

- One of the Features in the Asycuda World is Reporting (Vanuatu Reports). Under Vanuatu Reports is Trade Data and PTA data can be accessed from this reports. As long as Preference Code is filled for which ever Trade agreement the user wants to have access to.
- Access is given to Statistics Officer responsible for Trade (within NSO). For Asycuda World this is done some months ago.
- And so Customs and NSO work together to iron any differences that may arise.

#### CHALLENGES IN COMPILATION OF TRADE STATISTICS

 Also communication is important on any changes that may occur from either side (Customs and Statistics)

# THANK YOU • END