



Registered Exporter system

As of January 1, 2017 the Registered Export system (hereafter: “the REX system”) was introduced by the European Union. The REX system is a new certification system for originating goods in the preferential arrangements. Progressively, the REX system has been introduced between the European Union and the overseas countries and territories.

Curacao as an Overseas Country (“LGO-land”) is also entitled to preferential arrangements and tariff preferences for originating goods. Therefore, Curacao should also implement the REX system.

Curacao needs to implement the REX system at the latest on January 1, 2020.

The REX system is a system based on self-certification by economic operators who will prepare for themselves the so-called statements on origin. To be entitled to make out a statement on origin, an economic operator will have to be registered in a database by his competent authority and will become a **Registered Exporter**.

Exporters who wish to export goods from Curacao to the European Union using tariff preferences must comply with the REX system. An exporter shall request his registration to the competent authorities of the country where he is permanently established. The competent authority will register in the REX system exporters who submit complete and correct applications forms. Furthermore, a registration number (REX number) will be assigned to the exporter.

The customs authority of Curacao (Douane Curacao) will fulfill the function of competent authorities for exporters who want to export goods from Curacao.

The registration data incorporated in the REX system are publicly available. A registered exporter may indicate whether he wants all his registration data to be published or not.

The REX system does not affect the rules for determining the origin of goods. It only concerns the method to certify the originating status of goods.

With the implementation of the REX system, it will not be necessary for exporters to file for an advice regarding the origin of goods with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (“MEO”). The customs authority also will no longer issue a movement certificate EUR.1.