

EUR1 certificate

WHAT is it and WHAT is it FOR?

A certificate providing preferential duty treatment when exporting goods from the EU to third countries.

What is the EUR1 certificate?

The EUR1 certificate is a form used for exporting goods from the European Union to countries with which the EU has a trade agreement.

This document's importance lies in the fact that it certifies the origin of the goods is the European Union and so they get preferential treatment when entering these markets with which there are agreements.

The EUR1 certifies the Community origin of the goods and so the exporter and the importer can benefit from the preferential duty treatment.

Under this preferential treatment the goods get reduced or total exemption from customs duties. This benefits not only the importer but also the exporter because it can cut export costs.

Finally, as a general rule the EUR1 certificate can only be used for goods manufactured in European Union member states. This means it is not valid for items which have been manufactured in third countries and are subsequently re-exported from Community territory.

Where do I apply for a EUR1 certificate?

You have to apply for the EUR1 certificate at the customs office of exit and it has to be presented at the customs office of entry in the country of destination of the goods to prove their EU Community origin.

In Spain, you have to ask for the EUR1 certificate from the Customs and Department of the Tax Agency. You can also ask for one at the Customs Department's local offices in Spain.

You have to ask for the EUR1 certificate for each new export transaction and its period of validity depends on the preferential agreement.

You apply for a EUR1 certificate at the customs office of exit of the Community country and it is presented at the customs office of entry in the country of destination.

So it is a good idea get a customs agent or freight forwarder who is a foreign trade expert to draw up the form and present it to customs for validation.

The EUR1 certificate presented at the customs office of export must be accompanied by another very important document: **the export SAD** (Single Administrative Document).

