

## **IMPORT OF FRUITS & VEGETABLES FROM UGANDA**

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### **SYSTEM OF GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (GSP):**

It is a special trade regime that the UE holds with a group of countries in which is included Uganda. Its main feature is the tariff/duty cancellation for the products in all territory (understand "European Union"). To have right to these conditions a proof of origin will be required.

The State Secretary for Trade will not ask for import license to the products under this regime.

### **PROOFS OF ORIGIN OF THE PRODUCT:**

To access to these preferential rights, the products coming from the countries which can benefit from GSP must come accompanied by the proof of origin. This proof can be:

A- CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN, model A, issued by the proper authorities from the beneficiary country (Uganda). The exporter who applies for the certificate must be ready to deliver documentation that shows the origin of the products to be exported. The certificate must be at exporter's disposal as soon as the exportation is done or the export is ensured. Under some situations and exceptionally, the certificate can be issued after the export.

B- DECLARATION IN THE EXPORTER'S INVOICE if the value of the shipment/consignment does not exceed 6,000€ (six thousand Euro). When fulfilling a declaration in invoice, the interested exporter must be ready to deliver the documentation that shows the origin of the products to be exported.

### **LINKS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION:**

- GSP: <https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/rules-origin-generalised-scheme-preferences>
- EBA list of countries: [http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2017/july/tradoc\\_155840.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2017/july/tradoc_155840.pdf)

### **VAT APPLICATION:**

Those veg&fruit products which have not been transformed will be charged with a 4% VAT tax.

### **INSPECTIONS AT (SPANISH) BORDER POST:**

Vegetable & fruit products will be under the following border controls:

SANIM: Health control of products from abroad to be used human consumption. Done by the Ministry of Health.

FITIN: Phytosanitary inspection. Done by Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food.

CONCAL: Quality control to imported products. Done by SOIVRE (Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism)

Those product which go to Canary Islands will also be under the FITCAN (Phytosanitary inspection. Done by Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Food).

### **CONSULTATION OF EXCISE RATES:**

- Exports to EU: <https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tradehelp/> (very useful to know requeriments, tariffs, VAT, etc)