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<u>Sub: Acceptance of Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CoO) issued under India-Mauritius CECPA</u>

Dear Member,

CBIC vide Instruction No.24/2025-Customs dated 22.07.2025 (<u>enclosed</u>) has informed that with effect from 01.06.2025, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (Customs Department) has started issuing electronic Certificates of Origin (e-CoOs) under the India–Mauritius CECPA.

These e-CoOs are valid for claiming preferential tariff benefits, subject to the following conditions:

- -- Issued in the prescribed format
- -- Bear the seal and signature of the Mauritius Authorised Signatory
- -- Fulfil all requirements of Notification No. 38/2021-Customs (N.T.) dated 31.03.2021

Verify each e-CoO with the circulated seals/signatures, or scan its QR code / check the Mauritius Customs portal. If still in doubt, refer the case to the FTA Cell (Directorate of International Customs).

The e-CoO must be mandatorily uploaded on e-Sanchit at the time of filing the Bill of Entry, with accurate entry of the reference number, date, and origin criteria to claim benefits.

For defacement, a printed copy of the e-CoO must be shown to the Customs officer, who will verify it with the Bill of Entry details. This replaces the earlier process of defacing the original hard copy. A system check in ICES now prevents reuse of the same CoO reference number in multiple Bills of Entry.

Members may kindly note and comply. For details, refer to the instructions above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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