

Starting **August 29**, the **United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** will eliminate the **de-minimis threshold** for all incoming shipments. This means:

- All shipments, regardless of value or origin, must be formally entered with CBP
- Shipments may be subject to duty, tax, and brokerage fees
- CUSMA/USMCA-eligible goods must include proper documentation to qualify for reduced duty

Products with a value of less than \$800 USD that were not assessed for Duty before August 29, may now be assessed and charged

To register your products for CUSMA, you need to ensure they meet the agreement's rules of origin and obtain a certification of origin. This process involves understanding CUSMA's requirements, classifying your product, and providing the necessary documentation.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1 Understand CUSMA:

- Familiarize yourself with the basics of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).
- Understand the rules of origin, including both general rules and product-specific rules.

7 Classify Your Product:

- Identify your product's Harmonized System (HS) code.
- Use the HS code to determine the applicable rules of origin for your product.

Determine if Your Product Qualifies:

- Verify if your product meets the specific <u>rules of origin</u> outlined in CUSMA.
- This may involve checking if your product is wholly obtained or sufficiently transformed in a CUSMA country.

4. Obtain Certification of Origin:

- Prepare a certification of origin, which can be placed on an invoice or other sales document.
- Ensure the certification includes all required information, such as the origin of the goods, the HS code, and a statement certifying the origin.
- The certification can be completed by the exporter, producer, or importer.

5 Provide Certification to the Importer:

- Provide the completed certification of origin to the importer of your goods.
- The importer will need this document to claim preferential tariff treatment under CUSMA.

6 Be Ready for Verification:

- Understand that your claim for preferential treatment may be subject to verification by customs authorities.
- Maintain records that support your certification of origin for a specified period (e.g., six years in Canada).

7 Get The Support You Need:

- Consult UPS Customs Brokerage for tailored advice on classification, rules of origin, and documentation.
- Consider requesting an <u>advance ruling from U.S. Customs</u> for additional certainty.
- Visit <u>UPS.com</u> for updates, reach out to your UPS representative or <u>contact us</u> today.

By following these steps and seeking professional advice when needed, you can ensure your products are properly registered for CUSMA and benefit from preferential tariff treatment.

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