

**MEMORANDUM ON THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE  
CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OF THE PREFERENTIAL TRADE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN  
AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

For the purpose of implementing the Preferential Trade Agreement between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, the following Operational Procedures on the verification of the Certificate of Origin and the other related administrative matters, shall be followed:

- (a). The Contracting Parties shall inform each other of the names and addresses of their respective government authorities issuing the Certificate of Origin and the official seals used by their respective government authorities. They shall also promptly inform each other of any change of the above-mentioned information.
- (b). The importing Contracting Party may request a retroactive check at random and / or when it has reasonable doubt as to the authenticity of the document or as to the accuracy of the information regarding the true origin of the production question or of certain parts thereof.
- (c). The request shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin concerned and shall specify the reasons and any additional information suggesting that the particulars given on the said Certificate of Origin may be inaccurate, unless the retroactive check is requested on a random basis.
- (d). The Customs Authorities of the importing Contracting Party may suspend the provisions on preferential treatment while awaiting the result of verification. However, it may release the products to the importer subject to any administrative measures deemed necessary, provided that they are not be subject to import prohibition or restriction and there is no suspicion of fraud.
- (e). The issuing government authorities receiving a request for retroactive check shall respond to the request promptly and reply no later than six month after the receipt of the request.
- (f). To facilitate the operation of verification procedures, the focal points (the diplomatic organs of the exporting Contracting Party stationed in the territory of the importing Contracting Party or the capital based authority) of both Contracting Parties shall be identified.

- (g). The verification request shall be forwarded to the focal point of the Exporting Contracting Party or to the issuing government authorities.