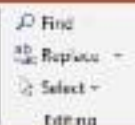
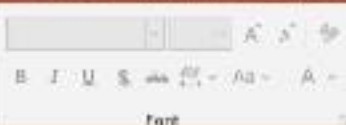


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Presentation Outline

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1. Certificate of Origin (COO)

- Determines *Economic Nationality* of a good/ article in international trade.
- Two types of COOs:
 - For preferential trade (involve tariff/ other concessions) – by TDAP
 - For non-preferential trade (MFN tariffs/ no concessions) – by Chambers
- TDAP is the sole authorized agency (competent authority) for issuance of COO for preferential trade.
- Tariff/ other concessions may be denied if COO not obtained from TDAP.
- Some GSP arrangements accept certification by exporter (self-declaration)
 - REX System (GSP Schemes for: EU, Norway, Sweden, Turkey)
 - Form-A: UK-GSP (DCTS)

4. Steps for Applying and Receiving E-CO Online

1. Exporter logs into the PSW system:
 - Clicks www.psw.gov.pk & Enters his log-in ID & Password
2. Exporter enters PSW' dashboard and selects "Electronic Certificate of Origin" from the LPCO grid (Licenses, Permits, Certificates, Others).
3. Exporter can select "an in process E-CO request" or "Create New E-CO request".
4. In case of a "New E-CO request", exporter selects from one of 17 trade arrangements.
5. Then exporter selects his GD (one or more) against which the E-CO is desired.
6. Subsequently, exporter makes entries into the selected E-CO Form and saves it.
7. Then the exporters attaches copies of mandatory docs to the E-CO form (BL, Invoice, etc.) and submits it online for TDAP Endorsement.
8. The TDAP checks & endorses the E-CO (adding sig, seal, QR code) and sends it back to the exporter online.
9. Exporter prints the E-CO on the prescribed form purchased from the TDAP, signs/stamps it and send the paper document to his buyer (as being done now).

2. Preferential Arrangements of which Pakistan is a Beneficiary

- Bilateral Agreements: **TDAP COO**
 - 3 FTAs: China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia
 - 5 PTAs: Indonesia, Mauritius, Iran, Uzbekistan, Turkey
- Multilateral Agreements: **TDAP COO**
 - SAFTA & SAPTA (SAARC)
 - GSTP (Global System of Trade Preferences) – 43 member countries
 - PTN (Protocol on Trade Negotiations) – 15 member countries
- Unilateral Arrangements (GSPs) – 16 nos.
 - EU, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, UK - **(5 Nos. – Self-Certification)**
 - USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan – **(9 Nos. – TDAP COO)**.
 - Azerbaijan (export of rice from Pakistan – **TDAP COO**).

Note: Pakistan not eligible for 2 GSPs: Iceland (LDCs) & Armenia

3. Modules Designed for the E-CO

Three modules designed for the E-CO:

1. E-CO Module:
 - a. Exporter applies for the E-CO,
 - b. TDAP endorses E-CO,
 - c. Exporter receives the E-CO; prints it (as paper doc)
2. REX Registration & Registration-data Amendment:
 - a. Exporter applies for REX-registration or amendment,
 - b. TDAP registers (or amends data); sends docs to the exporter
 - c. Exporter receives REX registration Certificate (or amendment); prints it
3. Exporters' Online purchase of blank COO Forms from TDAP:
 - a. Exporters selects required type(s) and quantity(es) of COO Forms
 - b. Pays cost of COO Forms online from his bank a/c & prints payment receipt
 - c. Exporter receives COO Forms by courier or collects from TDAP office

5. Timeline for E-CO Commissioning & Switchover

- Issuance of the E-COs online started from August 26, 2024.
- Notified transition period for E-CO switchover (3 months) to complete on Sep. 30, 2024.
- Both manual and E-COs over the transition period (where necessary), only E-COs subsequently.
- E-COs for all destinations being issued online except for Malaysia and Indonesia (partner country consents awaited).
- Consents for E-CO acceptance from partner countries in process since February 2024 (MoC, MoFA, Foreign Missions).
- Remaining Electronic Processes (domestic) for the E-CO Module to be commissioned during October 2024:
 - Online REX registration & data adjustment; and
 - Online E-CO Forms procurement.

6. Main Benefits Expected from E-CO

E-CO is a step towards improving ease of doing business & reducing cost of doing business for exporters:

- Exporter will apply and receive E-CO on his computer. No physical visit to the TDAP offices needed.
- Exporter located anywhere in Pakistan can get the E-CO issued from any TDAP office (no Customs Collectorate restriction).
- Obtaining single E-CO against multiply GDs and vice versa possible (no one-GD-one-COO constraint, like the WeBOC system).
- Almost all data entry fields in the E-CO are open or editable.
- Besides TDAP offices, PSW's 24/7 helpline is available to exporters.
- QR code on the E-CO allows online authentication to importing customs (may reduce the number of verification requests).