

Dear Customers and dear Colleagues,

The State of Israel - USA Free Trade Area Agreement (FTA) was updated in May 2017 and the agreed upon the Parties updating enters in force now, in January 2018

The main modification is that the Parties decided not require anymore a Form A (the one with a green background) as the Instrument of Implementation and to exchange it with a Declaration with the wording given hereinafter. The said Declaration – signed and sealed by the Exporter, or the Producer, or the Producer as Exporter – shall be given upon the Commercial Invoice, or upon the Packing List, or as an Attachment to the Commercial Invoice, provided that the Declaration shall bear crystal clear connecting to Invoice signs.

There are two possible situations: first, that all the goods described in the Commercial Invoice are of USA (or Israel) origin according to the provisions of the above said FTA Agreement (means that minimum 35% out of the invoiced value is of American/Israeli origin); the second possible situation is that some of the goods described in the Commercial Invoice are of USA/Israel origin (as described before), and some of a third country origin (China, Canada, Mexico) and subsequently are not entitled to a diminished import tax, or to a total exemption of import taxes (excepting VAT).

**A. All the goods in the Commercial Invoice are of USA/Israel origin**

In such a case the wording of the Declaration must show as follows:

***I, the undersigned, hereby declare that unless otherwise indicated, the goods covered by this document fully comply with the rules of origin and the other provisions of the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of Israel and the Government of the United States of America.***

- ***The Exporter (weather the exporter is the Producer or not)*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ***The Producer (is not the Exporter)*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Tax Identification No.:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Title:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***E-mail:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Signature:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Some of the goods described in the Invoice are of a third country origin**

In such a case the wording of the Declaration must show as follows:

***I, the undersigned, hereby declare that unless otherwise indicated, the goods covered by this document fully comply with the rules of origin and the other provisions of the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of Israel and the Government of the United States of America.***

- ***The Exporter (weather the exporter is the Producer or not)*** \_\_\_\_\_
- ***The Producer (is not the Exporter)*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax Identification No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Goods marked on the Invoice with "N" are not covered by this Declaration***

All other provisions of the Israel-USA FTA Agreement remain in force as before January 2018. Up to March 31, 2018 the two ways - Form a and Declaration – shall be accepted by the Israeli Customs.