

Reminder for the users of Japan-EU EPA and Japan-UK EPA

Application of Rules of Origin (ROO) of Japan-EU EPA and Japan-UK EPA to the used product

In qualifying the used product as originating under the Japan-EU EPA and Japan-UK EPA, it is necessary to demonstrate that the used product originating under these EPAs at the time of production and that its originating status remains intact during use.*

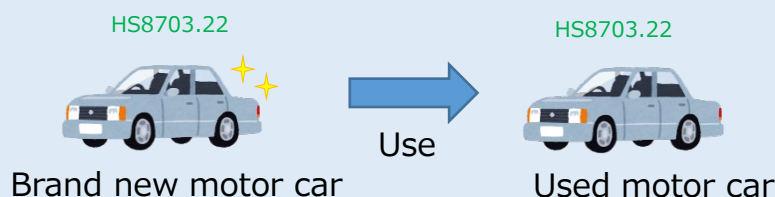
*Except in cases where a specific ROO is stipulated for the used product (ex. retreaded tire)

Recently, we have observed a case where the application of the EPA preferential tariff rate was claimed even though the above demonstration was not possible. In such a case, the EPA preferential tariff rate under Japan-EU EPA and Japan-UK EPA is not available.

Example 1. Used motor car

Product Specific Rule (PSR): MaxNOM 55% (EXW) or RVC 50% (FOB)

*As of 1 February 2024



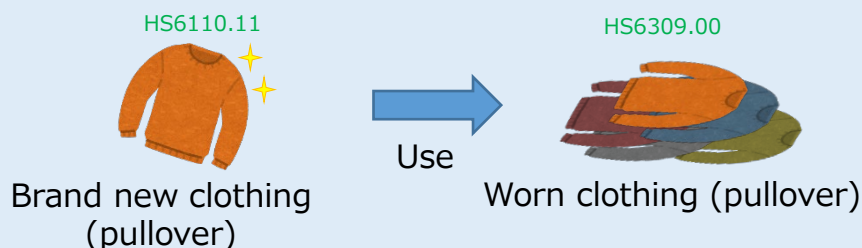
Example of necessary evidential document

Document obtained from the manufacturer indicating that the brand new motor car satisfies PSR (the criterion of a value added) (ex. Price list of materials)

Example 2. Worn clothing (pullover)

PSR (for HS6110.11)*: Knitting or crocheting combined with making-up, including cutting of fabric

*Applicable PSR depends on the production process

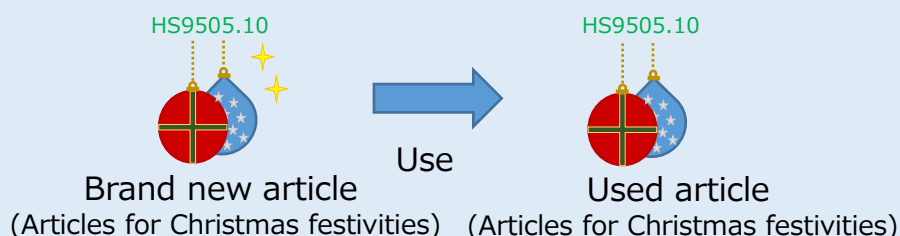


Example of necessary evidential document

Document obtained from the manufacturer indicating that the brand new clothing satisfies PSR (the criterion of specific manufacturing) (ex. Production flowchart)

Example 3. Used miscellaneous manufactured articles (Articles for Christmas festivities)

PSR: CTH, MaxNOM 50% (EXW), or RVC 55% (FOB)



Example of necessary evidential document

Document obtained from the manufacturer indicating that the brand new article satisfies PSR (the criterion of a change in tariff classification or the criterion of a value added) (ex. HS code list, price list of materials)

*The above "Example of necessary evidential document" is just an example of the minimum document required. Please note that the manufacturer does not have any obligation to provide evidential documents on product origins to the importer/exporter who requested them.

If you have any opinions/requests, please contact the following address:

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