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SECTION: EXPORTERS / MANUFACTURERS

Exporters / manufacturers taking direct responsibility for:

- Declaring preference qualification
- Retaining records to substantiate preference
- Being available for audit
**Exporter / manufacturer self-declaring preference qualification**

The exporter / manufacturer:

» Knows the goods – how they are made
» Markets the goods – assuring preference
» Knows the classification – export entry
» Can prove qualification – records, etc

**Exporter / manufacturer – retaining records**

Increased responsibility on the exporter / manufacturer to evidence:

» Source of inputs – particularly from third-countries
» Value of inputs – both domestic and foreign
» The classification of inputs – from third-countries
» The manufacturing process – where a process rule applies
Evidencing preference qualification (audit)

Auditing the exporter / manufacturer:

» Customs audits – approaches from importing (or exporting) Customs
» Requests from importers – seeking further information