

Box 34a: Country-of-origin code

The SAD Guidelines give more detailed information on some of the provisions and the codes included in Annexes 37 and 38 CCIP. To have their complete text please consult Annexes 37 and 38 CCIP.

34 Country-of-origin code	
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Completion of box 34a is obligatory for the following procedures:

1. export of agricultural products with export refunds;
2. release for free circulation;
3. placing under a customs procedure with an economic impact, such as inward processing (suspension system), temporary importation or processing under customs control;
4. placing in a customs warehouse and entry of goods into free zones subject to Type II controls.

Completion of box 34a is optional for the following procedures:

1. export/dispatch;
2. re-export after a customs procedure with an economic impact other than the customs warehousing procedure (inward processing, temporary importation or processing under customs control);
3. re-export after customs warehousing;
4. outward processing.

Export procedures

Operators completing box 34a should use the relevant Community code from Annex 38 to enter the country of origin, as defined in Title II of the Code (non-preferential origin of goods: Articles 22-26 of the CC; preferential origin: Article 27).

Example:

A Lithuanian producer sold pork to an Italian company. The Italian company sells the pork to a company in a third country and declares it for permanent exportation with refund. In this case Lithuania has to be declared as the country of origin in box 34a of the SAD.

Import procedures

Enter in box 34a the relevant Community code from Annex 38 for the country of origin, as defined in Title II of the Code (non-preferential origin of goods: Articles 22-26 of the CC; preferential origin: Article 27).

Example:

A Latvian company bought wood produced in Russia and declared it for the customs warehousing procedure. A German company buys this wood while it is in storage in the customs warehouse and declares it for release for free circulation. In this case Russia has to be declared as the country of origin in box 34a of the SAD.

The relevant country codes are published regularly in the Official Journal of the European Union based on Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995, and in particular Article 9 thereof. The coding of countries and territories is based on the ISO alpha standard 2 in force as far as it is compatible with the requirements of Community legislation. For a full list of the country codes, see the regularly updated legislation on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States, which is available on the [GEONOM](#) website.