



**Export Promotion Council
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India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)

Export Promotion Council for EOUs & SEZs (EPCES)

Dear Members,

India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) have entered into a **Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)**, which came into effect on **October 1, 2025**. EFTA comprises **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland**, and the Agreement includes a binding commitment of **USD 100 billion in investments** and the creation of **one million direct jobs** in India over the next 15 years.

The TEPA aims to boost trade by expanding market access for goods and services, promoting investments, and strengthening cooperation in the field of intellectual property rights.

The **Department of Commerce**, vide **Public Notices No. 29 and 30 dated 28.10.2025**, has issued the list of designated authorities for issuing **Certificates of Origin (Preferential)** to avail preferential tariff rates for exports to these countries. In the case of **EOUs and SEZs**, the respective **Jurisdictional Zonal Development Commissioners** have been designated as the authorities for issuing Certificates of Origin.

Members are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

Regards,
EPCES

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