



# Assisting firms in compliance: an analysis of the different webtools

*Executive round table on rules of origin: Rules of origin in a  
fractioned world trade*

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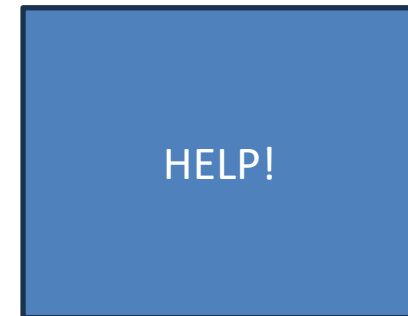
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# How can I check if my product can benefit?

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- Is my product covered by the FTA?
  - Product HS code: determine the HS sub-heading code (6-digit code)....
  - Compare MFN and preferential rate PREF and compute the preferential margin
  - What if the FTA Agreement was drafted using a different version of the HS....
- What requirements does my product need to meet?
  - Rules of origin (RO): does my product comply?
  - Other requirements, e.g. mode of shipment
- How can I prove it? → documentary evidence



# Tools available on the web....

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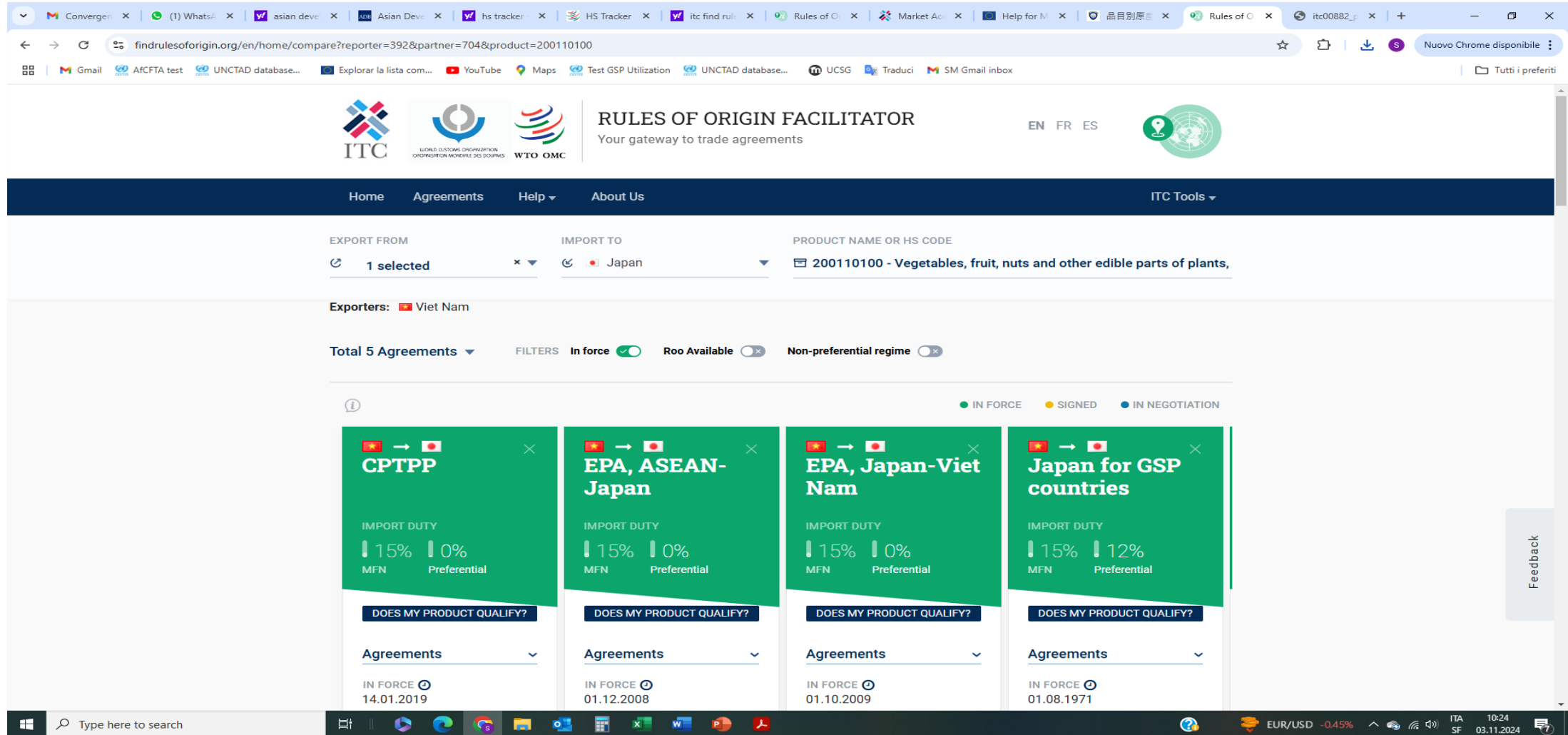
- To convert from one HS version to another ----- [hstracker.wto.org](https://hstracker.wto.org)
- Rules of origin
  - Information on the applicable rule of origin ----- [rules of origin facilitator](#)
  - Market-specific Rules of origin (RO) -----
    - European Union: [ROSA](#) (self-assessment tool)
    - Japan: <https://www.customs.go.jp/roo/index.htm>
    - Korea Rep.: [FTA-PASS](#) (origin management tool)

# Rules of Origin Facilitator....

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- Initiative of the ITC (International Trade Centre) in collaboration with the WCO (World Customs Organization) and the WTO (World Trade Organization).
- Search based on three parameters: exporting country, importing country, product HS code.
- Select the correct (**one**) national tariff line of the importing country under which the exported product will be classified.
- Output: MFN rate, Preferential rate, applicable rule of origin under each of the FTA agreements that could be used at the time of importation, Origin provisions, Certificate provisions.

# Rules of Origin Facilitator....



The screenshot displays the 'Rules of Origin Facilitator' website interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `findrulesoforigin.org/en/home/compare?reporter=392&partner=704&product=200110100`. The website header includes logos for ITC, WCO, and WTO OMC, along with the title 'RULES OF ORIGIN FACILITATOR' and the tagline 'Your gateway to trade agreements'. The main navigation bar contains links for Home, Agreements, Help, About Us, and ITC Tools.

The search results are displayed for the following criteria:

- EXPORT FROM:** 1 selected
- IMPORT TO:** Japan
- PRODUCT NAME OR HS CODE:** 200110100 - Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants,

The results show a total of 5 agreements for Viet Nam. The filters are set to 'In force' (checked), 'Roo Available' (unchecked), and 'Non-preferential regime' (unchecked). The results are categorized by status: IN FORCE (green), SIGNED (yellow), and IN NEGOTIATION (blue).

The following table summarizes the four agreements shown:

Agreement	Import Duty (MFN)	Import Duty (Preferential)	In Force Date
CPTPP	15%	0%	14.01.2019
EPA, ASEAN-Japan	15%	0%	01.12.2008
EPA, Japan-Viet Nam	15%	0%	01.10.2009
Japan for GSP countries	15%	12%	01.08.1971

Each agreement card includes a 'DOES MY PRODUCT QUALIFY?' button and a dropdown menu for 'Agreements'.

\* User should not act upon any information obtained through this website without prior verification with competent national authorities.

# Japan: an example for HS 2001 from Vietnam

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日ベトナム経済連携協定(HS2007) / Japan-Viet nam EPA (HS2007)

日・ASEAN包括的経済連携協定 (HS2017) / ASEAN-Japan CEPA (HS2017)

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04	20			野菜、果実、ナットその他植物の部分の調製品 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants		
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PSRO can be found for each available FTA by clicking on the corresponding tab

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# Japan: traders can choose the most appropriate scheme...

Scheme	Tariff as of April 1, 2023	PSR for HS20.01	Certification
AJCEP	Free	CC except from Chapter 7 or 8	Certificate of Origin
Japan – Viet Nam	Free	CC except from Chapter 7 or 8	Certificate of Origin
CPTPP	Free	A change to a good of subheading 2001.10 from any other Chapter	Self-certification Certificate of Origin (transitional measure for Viet Nam)
RCEP	12.2%	CC	Certificate of Origin Self-certification



# The RoO in the FTA may not be in current HS version: an example from Japan

HS2002	日シンガポール経済連携協定 / Japan-Singapore EPA
	日メキシコ経済連携協定 / Japan-Mexico EPA
	日マレーシア経済連携協定 / Japan-Malaysia EPA
	日フィリピン経済連携協定 / Japan-Philippines EPA
	日チリ経済連携協定 / Japan-Chile EPA
	日ブルネイ経済連携協定 / Japan-Brunei EPA
HS2007	日ベトナム経済連携協定 / Japan-VietNam EPA
	日スイス経済連携協定 / Japan-Switzerland EPA
	日インド包括的経済連携協定 / Japan-India CEPA
	日ペルー経済連携協定 / Japan-Peru EPA
HS2012	日オーストラリア経済連携協定 / Japan-Australia EPA
	日モンゴル経済連携協定 / Japan-Mongolia EPA
	TPP11（CPTPP）協定 / Comprehensive and Progressive agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership(CPTPP)
HS2017	日EU経済連携協定 / Japan-EU EPA
	日米貿易協定 / Trade Agreement Between Japan and the United States of America
	日米貿易協定（米国側） / Trade Agreement Between Japan and the United States of America
	日英包括的経済連携協定 / Japan-UK CEPA
	日タイ経済連携協定 / Japan-Thailand EPA
	日アセアン包括的経済連携協定 / ASEAN-Japan CEPA
	日インドネシア経済連携協定 / Japan-Indonesia EPA
HS2022	地域的な包括的経済連携（RCEP）協定 / Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

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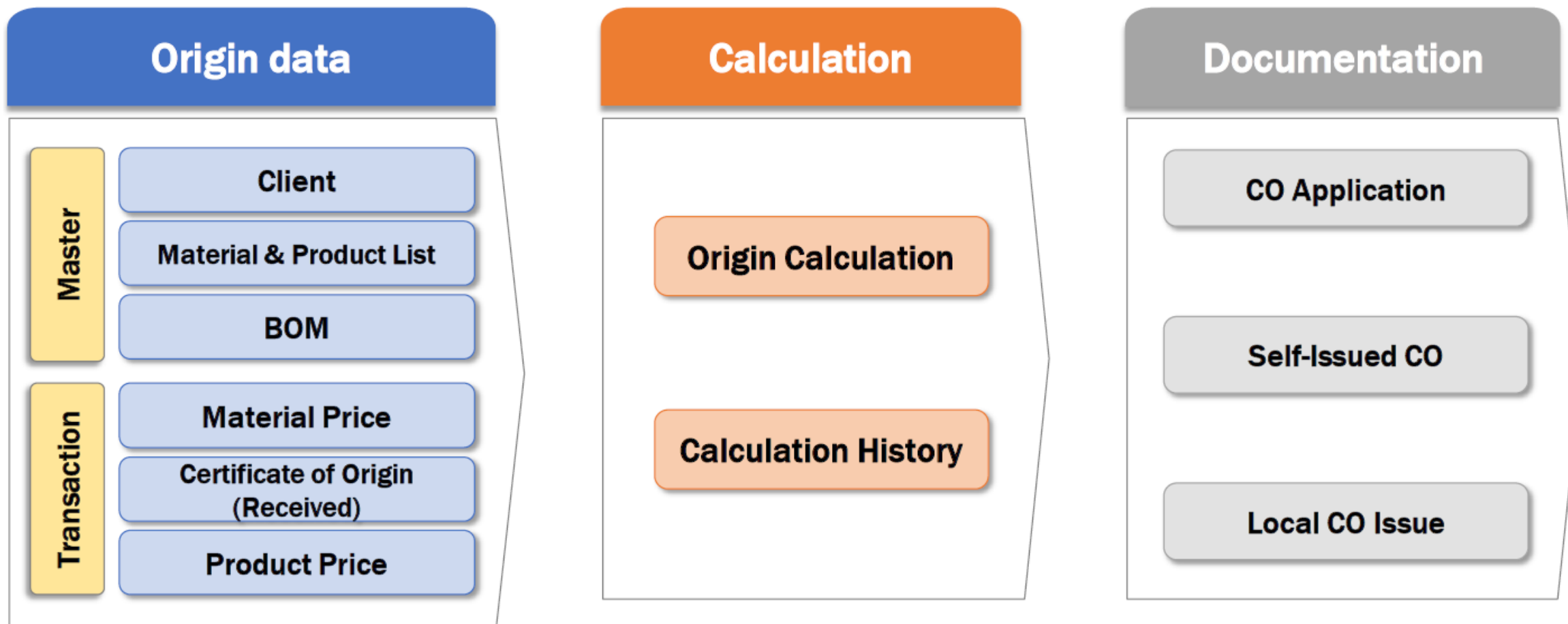
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# Korea: FTA-PASS

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- Software developed by the Korea Institute of Origin Information (KIOI), supported by the Korea Custom Administration (KCA) for manufacturers / exporters.
- Launched in 2010, used in over 500 000 cases of origin-related documents by almost 30,000 businesses.
- Input: company data, material used (BOM), selling price, etc.
- Output: Determination of Origin Compliance (or not), Certificate of Origin (CO) or Self-Declaration of Origin, storage of origin documentation.

# Korea: FTA-PASS



# What else is available?

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- Customs Administrations...to control, but also to facilitate trade...
- Advance rulings on product classification, rules of origin.
- Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- Training initiatives....focus on SMEs...to facilitate their compliance.



# Thank you!

## Questions or comments?

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