



Online version

Origin of goods: CEMAC zone and European Union

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To sell duty free in other CEMAC countries, a Gabonese product must be originating under community rules and, if manufactured, approved for the generalised preferential tariff by decision of the President of the CEMAC Commission, after review by the National Approval Committee and then the Regional Origin Committee. For the European Union, Gabon has had no preferences since 2014: origin does not give a duty reduction, but the buyer may ask for a non-preferential certificate of origin.

Steps 4	Total indicative delay Not published 3 steps without a published delay	Total indicative cost Proportional or variable fees
Responsible institution Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)		Last validation 22 September 2026

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Steps

1 Check the CEMAC origin criteria

Goods originate in CEMAC when they are wholly obtained in a member state, are handicrafts, are made with at least 40% (by value) of community raw materials, or generate community value added of at least 30% of their ex-works cost. Originating goods have circulated at a zero rate since 1998 but remain subject to domestic taxes in the country of consumption.

Institution	Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)
Channel	Online
Delay	Not published
Fees	No fee: 0 FCFA (indicative)
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/medias/documents/15/la-fiscalite-douaniere

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Have the manufactured product approved for the generalised preferential tariff

Industrial products manufactured in CEMAC must be approved for the preferential regime of intra-community trade. The procedure is set by Regulation No. 19/08-UEAC-010 H-CM-18 of 19 December 2008, revised by Regulation No. 0127/25-UEAC-010A-CM-42, adopted by the UEAC Council of Ministers on 11 October 2024 and signed on 9 January 2025. The company files its application, prepared on the reference model annexed to the regulation, with the ministry in charge of the economy, trade or industry (article 3). The National Approval Committee reviews it and checks the community origin; the minister forwards the files it retains, with the committee's formal opinion, to the CEMAC Commission (article 4). The Commission submits them to the Regional Origin Committee, whose members receive them 30 days before the session (article 6). If the opinion is favourable, approval is granted by decision of the President of the Commission and notified to the company through its minister; an unfavourable opinion is a reasoned rejection and the application may be filed again (article 7). Approval is granted for an unlimited period, but any change to the manufacturing process must be reported to the Commission (article 8), which may carry out an unannounced check no earlier than three years after approval (article 9). According to the press, the Regional Committee meets twice a year, the foreign trade directorate represents Gabon, and the country had 249 approved products held by 14 companies in September 2026. The file model is not attached to the version of the regulation published on the CEMAC website.

Institution	Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Two regional committee sessions a year according to the press; files sent to its members 30 days before the session (Regulation No. 0127/25, art. 6); approval of unlimited duration (indicative)
Documents	CEMAC generalised preferential tariff approval
Fees	Not published
Link	https://cemac.int/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Reglt-portant-revision-reglt-relatif-procedure-agrement-produits-originares-CEMAC.pdf

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Issue the certificate of origin for each shipment

Each shipment to a member state is accompanied by a certificate of origin presented to customs in the destination country. The Gabonese authority that endorses this certificate and the applicable fee are not published online; check with the DGDDI or the foreign trade directorate. For precious substances the certificate of origin is issued by the ministry in charge of mines.

Institution	Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Certificate of origin, Commercial invoice
Fees	Not published
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/medias/documents/15/la-fiscalite-douaniere

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For the European Union: provide a non-preferential certificate if requested

Gabon has been ineligible for the generalised scheme of preferences and Everything But Arms since 2014 and has not concluded an economic partnership agreement, so its goods enter the EU at the most favoured nation duty. No preferential proof of origin (EUR.1 form or statement on origin) therefore applies. A non-preferential certificate of origin is sometimes still required by the buyer, the bank or for certain trade measures.

Institution	Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Certificate of origin
Fees	Not published
Link	https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/content/epa-central-africa

Documents to prepare

☐	CEMAC generalised preferential tariff approval Issued by CEMAC Commission (Regional Origin Committee)	Step 2
☐	Certificate of origin	Steps 3, 4
☐	Commercial invoice	Step 3

Fees

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
1	No fee	0 FCFA	Fixed amount	Indicative
2	Not published	Not published	Variable	
3	Not published	Not published	Variable	
4	Not published	Not published	Variable	

Legal basis

Law	CEMAC customs tariff and common external tariff Acte n° 7/93-UEAC-556-SE1 du 21 juin 1993 portant révision du tarif extérieur commun et fixant les modalités d'application du tarif préférentiel généralisé, modifié, of 21 June 1993
Regulation	CEMAC customs code Règlement n° 05/19-UEAC-010A-CM-33 du 22 mars 2019 portant révision du Code des douanes de la CEMAC, of 22 March 2019

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