

4 STEPS TO CLAIM PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT UNDER CANADA'S FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS (FTAs)

British Columbia businesses can claim preferential tariffs in international markets using FTA provisions. Did you know that importing countries do not automatically apply reduced tariff rates? You must fulfill certain criteria and conditions to claim the benefits at the border.



STEP 1 — CLASSIFY YOUR PRODUCT

Classify your product using Harmonized System (HS) Code and country-specific digits. It's easy! Open www.tariffinder.ca, select a destination country, describe your product (for example, "honey") or using the HS code, and then narrow the product sub-categories.

STEP 2 — DOES YOUR PRODUCT MEET THE COUNTRY'S RULES OF ORIGIN?

"Made in Canada" is not the same as "Country of Origin". Check the FTA rules of origin to determine how much of the content of the imported product must be from a country of origin in the FTA to qualify for preferential tariffs.



STEP 3 — APPLY FOR AN ADVANCE RULING

Still want more certainty? Apply for an advance ruling for tariff or origin classification through the customs agency of the importing country. Contact us or get advice from a freight forwarder or customs broker.



STEP 4 — YOU ARE ALL SET!

You are now ready to benefit from preferential terms of trade! Use the HS Code and rules of origin documentation to claim preferential FTA tariff treatment for your product at the border of the country where the goods are exported. **Want further assistance? Contact us Trade.Policy@gov.bc.ca**



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