

## Greetings,

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Exportal**, an online service developed by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Saudi Customs). Exportal enables exporters to Saudi Arabia to process Certificate of Origin and related Commercial Invoice data electronically and pass that data to Saudi Customs before the arrival of goods at Saudi ports. Exportal was created to support bilateral trade between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its trading partners by simplifying export procedures to enable smooth entry and speedy clearance of goods entering Saudi ports.

To that effect, kindly inform all your members who export to Saudi Arabia to register with Exportal through its website at <a href="https://www.exportal.com">www.exportal.com</a> and create an "exporter account" in order for them to pass Certificate of Origin and Commercial Invoice data electronically to Saudi Customs.

**Effective January 21 2015**, the use of Exportal will be mandatory for exporters to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; from this date onward, Saudi Customs will not clear any shipment for entry into the Kingdom where its Certificate of Origin and related Commercial Invoice data were not processed through Exportal.

Exportal will **start its trial phase from December 15 2014**; exporters will be able to register for the service and use it for passing through Certificate of Origin and related Commercial Invoice data.

Please note that Chambers of Commerce will need to register for Chamber account on Exportal prior to their exporting members' registration. Chamber account registration will enable the Chamber of Commerce to approve exporter registration requests and online processing of Certificates of Origin requests.

Exportal does not supersede any other regulations for exporting goods to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Additionally, the Exportal team will be more than pleased to work with your Chamber of Commerce to enable an electronic process for issuing and processing Certificates of Origin for your Saudi-exporting members. Please contact the Service Manager, Mr. Fahad Al-Jasim, to inquire about how Exportal can work with Chambers of Commerce to better serve their exporters at <a href="mailto:fi.aljasim@exportal.com">fi.aljasim@exportal.com</a> or +966 54 183 3356 (Sunday-Thursday).

For general information, please visit <u>www.exportal.com</u> or contact customer support at <u>info@exportal.com</u> or +966 9200 33606 (Sunday-Thursday, 5am to 4pm GMT).

Thank you and best regards,

The Exportal Team