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Under the agreed provisions of the FTA, authorized issuing agencies issue the certificates through the "Certificate of Origin" service on the platform. The applicant selects the agreement name "India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Agency issued)" and picks an agency from the list of authorized agencies notified by both parties. Once the authorized agency approves the completed application, the system generates an "Electronic Copy" with a QR code and digital signature. It carries the issuing officer's specimen signature and the agency's stamp, and the applicant can download and use it.

IEC holders and their users can log in to Trade Connect with their existing DGFT website credentials; no new login is needed. Extra user accounts for the same IEC can be created and linked using a digital signature certificate (DSC) on www.dgft.gov.in. The name in the DGFT or Trade Connect user profile must match the name in the DSC completely, and IEC details in the DGFT system should be up to date so the right details can be selected in the application. Help on accepted DSC types and on linking a DSC to an IEC is under "Application Help and FAQs" in the "Learn" tab of www.dgft.gov.in.

An authority that needs to check a certificate presented to it goes to Certificate of Origin > Verify Certificate on https://trade.gov.in and enters the certificate number; the platform then shows the details of the certificate issued. Questions go to the DGFT Helpdesk, by its toll-free numbers or by email at coo-dgft@gov.in. The notice gives no toll-free number. It is issued from File No. 01/02/54/AM21/EG&TF and signed by Prakash Kamble, Deputy DGFT.

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Document	Trade Notice No. 34/2026-2027
Dated	November 13, 2026
Addressed to	All exporters and members of trade; all designated issuing agencies under FTAs and PTAs

Agreement	India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, in force from October 20, 2026
Where to apply	Trade Connect ePlatform (www.trade.gov.in), "Certificate of Origin" service
Agreement name to select	"India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (Agency issued)"
Certificates issued by	Authorized agencies notified by both parties, chosen from the list on the platform
What the exporter gets	An "Electronic Copy" with a QR code and digital signature, the issuing officer's specimen signature and the agency's stamp
Login	Existing DGFT website credentials; extra users linked with a DSC on www.dgft.gov.in
Verification	Certificate of Origin > Verify Certificate on https://trade.gov.in, by certificate number
Helpdesk	coo-dgft@gov.in
File	File No. 01/02/54/AM21/EG&TF
Signed by	Prakash Kamble, Deputy DGFT

The trade notice (PDF, 1.6 MB)

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