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Administration & Control of Origin as a Specialized Government Function

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Global Context

- **Change I**
  - Structural change in foreign trade

- **Change II**
  - Paradigm change in control of origin

- **Political Response**
  - Increased focus on administration & control of origin
Appropriate Scale of Institutional Capacity
(according to increased volume & complexity of objectives pursued)

- Number of Agreements
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Number of Transactions
- Complexity of Operations

Specialized & Scalable Organizational Structure
And avoid typical errors

- Lack of trained personnel at customs
- Outdated rules of origin
- Idem brokers

Errors in Origin
Understand the existing institutional framework

1. Identify related institutions with origin of goods
2. Determination of functional dependency
3. Identify constraints & gaps
4. Identify their resources & procedures
Define the Functions of the Origin Unit

- Administration of Origin Regimes
- Training
- Control & certification
I.- Administration of Origin Regimes

- Participate in FTA admin commissions & Coordinate stance in trade negotiations
- Trade Facilitation: Update rules of origin to current HS version
- Monitor & Provide Legal Advice
- Procedures: Issue Certificates, Short Supply, Quotas (TPL), Cross Cumulation
- Harmonize regulations across agreements
II.- Control

- Certification
- Verification of Origin
- Risk Analysis
- Complaints
- Advanced Rulings, Authorized Exporters
II.a- Certification

- Design & certificate storage
- e-Certification
- Register authorized signatories
- Issue Certificates of Origin
II.b- Establish Complaints Procedures

- Complainant obligations
- Deal with complaints
- Grounds for complaints
- Forms
- Confidentiality
III.- Training

Train trainers

Training materials

Manuals & procedures

Consultation Services

Webpage to disseminate information

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Focus on Implementation

- Assign budget
- Appoint properly-trained staff
- Establish supervision mechanisms for personnel
- Define quantifiable operational & revenue targets
“Properly-Trained” Staff Entails...

- Knowledge of customs regulations
- Knowledge of origin regimes
- Knowledge of accounting, law and production processes
- Analytical and supervisory skills

Staff profile
Recommendations to develop a Manual

- Tailor-made: not a standard product
- Drafted by consultant, input by officials & negotiators
- Include practical cases
- Keep it updated
- Understand the "why" all contents
Sources of Information

- Trade Statistics
- Registry of tax evaders
- Tariff reduction schedules and Rules of Origin by subheading
- Information on the production structures of goods

Databases required
Regulations

- Approved Exporter of Origin
- Sanctions
- Advanced Rulings
Thank you very much
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