



Workshop on Rules of Origin

41st Session of the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) 2023

– Programme –

The schedule is Brussels time (GMT+1)

As of 25 January 2023

Day 1: Wednesday 8 February 2023	
14:00-14:10	Opening Speech
	- Mr. Konstantinos KAIPOULOS , Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)
14:10-15:40	Session 1: Nairobi Ministerial Decision on Rules of Origin for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and update on the Comprehensive Review of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)
	<p>Moderator : Mr. Brendan C. O'HEARN, Deputy Director Facilitation, Compliance and Facilitation Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Update about the implementation of the Bali and Nairobi Ministerial Decisions (recent developments in the Committee on Rules of Origin) Mr. Darlan F. Marti, Trade policy Specialist at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Market Access Division</p> <p>Update on the implementation of the WTO Nairobi Decision seen from an International Governmental Organization (IGO) perspective Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Assistance, Trade and Customs in the Division on African and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p>The joint proposal on the revision of Annex K on rules of origin of the RKC Mr. Roman Bruehwiler, Senior Adviser at the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security, Section Free Trade and Customs Agreements, Switzerland</p> <p>Ongoing status of the Comprehensive Review of the RKC Mr. Goro Suzuki, Technical Attaché, Procedure and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
16:00	End of the Session



Day 2: Thursday 9 February 2023	
10:00-11:30	Session 2: Certification of Origin
	<p>Moderator : Ms. Mette Werdelin AZZAM, Lead Origin Expert Rules of Origin Africa Programme, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Ongoing Research on best practices of Certification of origin Mr. Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Assistance, Trade and Customs in the Division on African and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), UNCTAD</p> <p>International Chambers of Commerce (ICC) Guidelines for the issuance of Certificates of Origin (CoOs) Mr. Martin Van Der Weide, Policy Advisor on Origin at the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the ICC/World Chambers Federation International Certificate of Origin Council</p> <p>Self-certification from ECOWAS perspective Ms. Aissata KOFFI YAMEOGO, Programme Officer in charge of Rules of Origin and Management of Community Preferential Treatment, Customs Union and Taxation Directorate, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
11:15-11:30	Coffee-break
11:30-12:30	Session 2: Certification of Origin (Cont'd)
	<p>Preferential Origin Certification Systems in Free Trade Agreements: The Case of Chile Ms. Bernardita Palacios, Head of the Technical Department of the National Customs Service, Chile Customs</p> <p>Findings of the WCO Survey on Digitalization on Certificate of Origin Ms. Chunxiao XU, Technical Attaché, Origin Sub-directorate, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Experiences in issuing digital Certificates of Origin Ms. Diana Alexandra Garcia Espinosa, Head of Origin Service Coordination, Technical Sub-Directorate of Customs - Colombia Customs</p>



	Q&A Session
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:40	Session 2: Certification of Origin (Cont'd)
	<p>Moderator: Ms. Nan Ding, Chairperson of the TCRO, Director of Origin Division, General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC)</p> <p>Adjusting origin practices to digital environment: usage of importer's data as a reliable source Mr. Jacobo Iribarnegaray, Deputy Director of the Customs Department, INDITEX</p> <p>Digitalization and Interconnectivity of Certificate of Origin Mr. Tejo Kusuma, Technical Officer, Procedure and Facilitation Sub-Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Implementation of electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CoO) including exchange of e-CoO data Ms. Sun Hwa Cho, External Relations Division and Responsible for cooperation with the WCO, Korea Customs Service</p> <p>China's Practice of the Electronic Origin Data Exchange Ms. Xiaoxue XU, Deputy director of Duty Collection Division, Shenzhen Customs, General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A Session</p>
16:00	End of the session



Day 3: Friday 10 February 2023	
10:00-11:15	<p>Session 3: Implementation and Administration of Rules of Origin</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Gael Grooby, Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Direct transport or non-manipulation rule in preferential trade agreements seen from a Customs perspective Mr. Saba VALLIPURAM, International trade, economic and customs policy Advisor, Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiator of Rules of Origin and Customs Chapters, New Zealand Customs Service</p> <p>The impact of proofs of origin on the utilization of trade preferences by least-developed countries Mr. Darlan F. Marti, Trade policy Specialist at the WTO Market Access Division</p> <p>Efforts by Japan Customs for further utilization of EPAs/ FTAs Ms. Mariko Haga, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Partnership, Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
11:15-11:30	Coffee-break
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 3: Implementation and Administration of Rules of Origin (Cont'd)</p> <p>Rules of origin and Pan Euro Med region – state of play and modernization process Mr. Alexandru Marinescu, International relation officer, rules of origin, DG TAXUD, European Commission</p> <p>Harmonized System Amendments: Impact on Product-level Rules of Origin Mr. Rafael Cornejo, Director of Origen Digital</p> <p>Challenges of applying RoO for the private sector and potential solutions Dr. Li LI, Founder and CEO of Shanghai O-tech Company Ltd., Chief Expert of Digital Trade of International Technology Transfer Network (ITTN)</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>



12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:50	Session 3: Implementation and Administration of Rules of Origin (Cont'd)
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Demba SECK, Technical Officer, Origin Sub-Directorate, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO</p> <p>Certification and cumulation – upgrade of the rules of origin in the PanEuroMed region – technical presentation Mr. Guillaume Dorey, Head of sector for the rules of origin in the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean, DG TAXUD, European Commission</p> <p>Key findings and insights on the utilization of tariff preferences Mr. Jonas Kasteng, Senior Adviser, Co-ordinator for Trade Barriers, Market Access and Implementation of Free Trade Agreements, Department for Trade and Policy Developments, National Board of Trade</p> <p>Origin verification Ms. Sasikanya Ponien, Chief of Rules of Origin unit 3, Thai Customs Department</p> <p>Colombia's good Practices in Verification of Origin - Difficulties, Challenges and Opportunities Mr. Yuber Edgar Cifuentes Villamil, Head of Origin Verification Coordination, Technical Sub-Directorate of Customs, Colombia Customs</p> <p>Management of Origin Irregularities in Côte d'Ivoire Customs Mr. Yves Roland Tia, Head of Origin Unit, Côte d'Ivoire Customs</p> <p>Q&A Session</p>
15:50	Closing Remarks: Ms. Gael Grooby , Deputy Director, Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, WCO