



# Certification of Community Origin

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## Legal Framework

**The legal framework for the certification of common market origin is contained in Rule 8 (Documentary Evidence) to the ‘Rules Regarding Rules of Origin’.**



# Application for Certificate of Origin form

**Where an exporter in a Member State wishes to claim Common Market treatment in respect of any goods being exported to another Member State, an Application for Certificate of Origin form (See Specimen) must be completed and submitted to the authority in his State designated to issue such certificates.**

# Application for Certificate of Origin

**The application form requires the exporter to provide all information necessary to determine the origin status of the goods. There are penalties for exporters regarding the furnishing of false information.**

## Requirement to notify

**The Members States are required to notify each other of the agencies or bodies that are authorized to issue Certificates of Origin and to provide the names of specimens of signatures, as well as impressions of the stamps used by the agencies or bodies.**



## **Notification of authorized persons**

**Member States' notification of authorization to issue Certificates of Origin should be updated at the beginning of each year.**



## **Combined Declaration and Certificate of Origin form**

**The exporter must submit a Caribbean Common Market Combined Declaration and Certificate of Origin form as well as the Commercial Invoice in its recommended format to the Certifying Authority for processing.**

## **Documents to establish the exporting concern**

**The Certifying Authority must ensure that the documentation presented establishes the exporting concern of the exporter.**



## Certificate of Registration

**Upon first request for common market treatment the Certifying Authority must issue a Certificate of Registration to each exporter and a record kept.**

## **Manufacturing operations to be monitored and controlled**

**Certifying Authorities shall adopt systems to monitor and control manufacturing operations in Member States. These include on-the-spot checks, documentary controls and operations of presumptive yield.**

## **Signature by Authorized person**

**Upon being satisfied that the goods are being produced within the criteria that satisfy Common Market treatment, an authorized person of the Certifying Authority will sign the Certificate of Origin.**

## Presentation of documents

**The signed Certificate of Origin and Commercial Invoice will be presented to the Customs Authority in the importing Member State.**

**Thank you**

**Any questions?**