

ANNEX 3-E
PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PAPER CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN
(ARTICLE 3.16)

1. Paper Certificates of Origin shall be issued by the customs authorities of the exporting Party, on application by the exporter or under the exporter's responsibility by his or her authorized representative, in accordance with Article 3.16 of this Chapter and the domestic law of the exporting Party.
2. For this purpose, the exporter or his or her authorized representative shall fill out the Certificate of Origin in the English language and shall apply for its issuance in accordance with the domestic law of the exporting Party. If the Certificate of Origin is handwritten, it shall be completed in ink in printed characters. The description of the products must be given in Box 7 of the Certificate of Origin without leaving any blank lines. Where the box is not completely filled, a horizontal line must be drawn below the last line of the description, the empty space being crossed through.
3. The customs authorities shall ensure that the Certificate of Origin is duly completed. In particular, they shall check whether the space reserved for the description of the products has been completed in such a manner as to exclude all possibility of fraudulent additions.
4. The date of issue of the Certificate of Origin shall be indicated in Box 9 of the Certificate of Origin.
5. Each Certificate of Origin will be assigned a specific number by the customs authority.