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CO Guidelines

Established the first International standard for chambers in the issuance procedures of non-preferential certificates of origin

- First guidelines of its kind on the Certification processes for chambers
- Available in 6 languages
- Endorsed and supported by many international organizations

The Guidelines cover:
- Use/purpose of COs
- Definitions and language
- The role of chambers
- Authority of chambers of commerce
- Place of issue
- Printing and distribution of forms
- Price and issuing fees
- Issuing process of certificates
- Determination and verification of origin
- Supporting documents
- Concessions and prohibitions
- Training requirements
- Changes or problems with certificates of origin
- A supplement for CEO's
- Printable sample letters and forms
CO Accreditation Chain

- Based on the International CO Guidelines, Chambers commit to the highest level of quality, implementing transparent and accountable verification procedures.

- Accredited Chambers to the CO Chain allowed to use the ICC WCF international quality label on CO forms, which would reinforce their integrity and credibility as competent trusted third parties in the issuance of COs when goods arrive at the Customs entry point.

- Any interests to join the Chain from Chambers should be sent to the WCF Secretariat.

- Accreditation committee has been set up to review the applications and approve memberships.
• Based on the **International CO Guidelines**

• **Online Training** available to help Chambers follow the International Guidelines

• Creation of a **CO Accreditation Chain** to which chambers can adhere on a **voluntary basis**

• Chambers must pass a rigid application process and **agree to follow** the ICC WCF International CO Guidelines and commit to the highest level of quality, implementing transparent and accountable verification procedures.

• Accredited Chambers receive a distinctive **internationally recognized quality label**, reinforcing their integrity and credibility as competent trusted third parties in the issuance of COs, which appears next to their CCI stamp on CO Form.

• Core CO information from accredited chambers are uploaded to International CO Verification website, accessible by Customs and chambers.
Revised Guidelines – standards 2018

Mandatory part for CO-Chain Members

Training program
System for e-CO’s
Keeping Records
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Mandatory part for CO-Chain Members – most important part of the guidelines/standards

Evidence of Origin before issuing a Certificate of Origin
Trader – producer
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New elements!

False Security – a legalized invoice is no Certificate of Origin
Preferential Origin
Online certified Origin Statement (instead of the Certificate of Origin)
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It is all about:

A Transparent issuing process
Chambers of Commerce delivering extra credibility to a Certificate of Origin.

Harmonization of process (not rules of origin), each CO-Chain member is issuing certificates of origin according to the same standards.