Rules of Origin Facilitator Initiative

http://findrulesoforigin.org/

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- aims at increasing quality and transparency of origin-related information, translating it into trade intelligence

- provides tariff and origin information at the most detailed tariff-line product level

- tariffs applied by 201 countries (MFN and preferential)

- rules of origin and origin procedures in 87 trade agreements and preferential schemes of more than 100 countries

- non-preferential rules of origin of the EU, the U.S., and Switzerland

Press release: International Trade Centre, World Customs Organization
What are you exporting?

EXPORT FROM

Select country

PRODUCT NAME OR HS CODE

Search product by code or name

What's my product code?

SEARCH

Agreements as Importer: 17
Tariff Year: 2015

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Suite of ITC online tools

Global public goods with 802,000 registered users, as of August 2018
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RoO data: FTAs vs. LDC schemes

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What are non-preferential rules of origin used for?

Non-preferential rules of origin are used for a range of trade policy measures, for example:

- MFN treatment
- Anti-dumping duties
- Countervailing duties
- Labelling and marking
- Tariff quotas and quantitative restrictions
- Safeguard measures
- Embargoes
- Government procurement
- Trade statistics
ITC has conducted NTM business surveys in 38 developing countries.
RoO is in Top 3 most common NTMs for industrial exports

ITC, forthcoming 2018

Source: ITC NTM surveys, 2010-2018.
Note: The pie chart presents the share of cases linked to RoO in the total number of all NTM related trade obstacles reported by exporters in 38 developing countries. This includes both measures applied by home and partner countries. The charts reveal that 8% of NTM cases reported by agricultural exporters are linked to RoO, whereas in the manufacturing sector, this share makes up 23%.
Problems with RoO are mostly procedural

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Figure X. Procedural obstacles related to RoO applied to exports (38 countries)

Source: ITC NTM surveys, 2010-2018.

Note: The bar charts present the types of RoO related trade obstacles faced by exporters in two groups of surveyed countries. They show that in more than 90% of cases in both developing and developed countries, exporters perceive RoO as cumbersome because of procedural obstacles. Especially in developing countries, procedural hurdles are considered by companies as the main challenge linked to RoO.
What are the obstacles related to RoO?

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Figure X. Most common procedural obstacles associated with RoO
Thank you