

CHAPTER IV

THE FUNCTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BODIES
AUTHORISED TO CARRY OUT CERTIFICATION

ARTICLE 11 The functions and obligations of the bodies authorised by the Parties to carry out origin certification will be, *inter alia*,

- a) to verify the accuracy of the declaration presented to them by the final producer or the exporter by way of systems or procedures which ensure the accuracy of the data;
- b) to provide to the other Parties the administrative cooperation required for the control of documentary proof of origin.

The bodies authorised by the Parties will, no later than thirty (30) days after entry into force of the Agreement, transmit through their respective Foreign Ministries to the Foreign Ministries of the other Parties, the approved list of the bodies authorised to issue the certificates mentioned in this Annex, along with a list of signatories, facsimiles of the authorised signatures and the stamps of the authorised bodies.

Any changes to such listings shall enter into force thirty (30) days after receipt of notification.

CHAPTER V

THE VERIFICATION OF ORIGIN

ARTICLE 12 The competent authority of the importing country may request the competent authority of the exporting country to carry out control of the Certificate of Origin when:

- a) there are grounds for doubt regarding the authenticity of the document
- b) there are grounds for doubt with regard to the accuracy of the data contained therein;
- c) there are grounds for doubt that the provisions of this Annex have been met;
- d) the Certificate of Origin is incomplete;
- e) random checks are considered necessary.

The competent authority of the exporting country shall supply the information requested within forty-five (45) days.

ARTICLE 13

In no case shall the Customs authorities of the Parties interrupt an import procedure of the products covered by the Certificates of Origin mentioned in the preceding Articles. However, the Customs authorities of the importing Party, in addition to requesting the appropriate additional information from the competent authorities of the exporting Party, shall adopt the actions they deem necessary to safeguard the fiscal interests.