

## FORMAL UNDERTAKING

Must be completed by the company when applying for EC and Arab Certificates of Origin or any associated documents and must be renewed annually.

In consideration of London Chamber of Commerce and Industry from time to time granting or certifying Certificate of Origin or other documents I/we hereby agree to accept and be bound by the Standard Rules for the issue of Certificates of Origin, etc in force at the time of certification, of which I/we confirm having received a copy.

Further that I/we will at all times keep the issuing body and its officials indemnified against any claims or demands whatsoever which may at any time be made against them, or any of them by reason of any fault, defect, omission or inaccuracy in the content of the Certificates or other documents, or in the manner of their issue, this indemnity being subject to all statutory provisions to the contrary.

In the event of requests which stem from a legitimate enquiry from someone in possession of statutory authority e.g. Police, HM Revenue & Customs or officials acting with authority of a court order, I/we hereby permit the issuing body to allow direct access, under the power of statutory authority, to such commercial information as may be required as part of the enquiry.

**Date:** DATED THIS ..... DAY OF ..... YEAR .....

**Authorised Signature:** SIGNATURE .....  
PROPRIETOR, PARTNER, DIRECTOR OR SECRETARY  
(Delete as appropriate)

**Print name** .....

**Name, address, telephone number & business of company or firm:**

Type of Company:

**Type of Company:**  Exporter  Forwarder/Shipping Agent

**Client Name:** .....  
(Print or type full name of Company or Firm)

**Address line 1:** .....  
(Print or type full address of Company or Firm including Postal Code and Country)

**Address line 2:** .....

**City / Town:** .....

**County / Postal Code (& Country if not UK):** .....

**Co. Tel & Web site:** .....  
(Main Telephone number of Company) (Company Web Site address)

**Note: Please give specimen signatures of authorised signatories overleaf**

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I/We give below the name, specimen signature and designation of each person authorised to sign certificates on my/our behalf and will keep the Chamber informed of any changes of any personnel which may arise.

**Primary Contact Authorised Person:** This signature will be used on all online applications.  
The Primary Contact may set up (& deactivate) other users on the online certification system.

**Title:**    Mr    Ms    .....

**First & Last Name of Primary Contact:**

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(Print / type full name of primary contact. Must be completed even if Primary Contact is same as Authorising Official from page one)

**Job Title:**   Job Title .....

**Direct Tel & Fax of Primary Contact:**

Tel: ..... Fax: .....

**eMail Address of Primary Contact:**

eMail Address: .....

**Primary contact must sign their name fully within the box to right.** If Primary Contact person is same as Authorising Official from page one, that person signs on page one and also signs here.



**Please use black ink and sign completely within the box.**

**Other Authorised Officials:**

If no other signers are authorised, please enter "N/A" on the first line.

NAME OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY	JOB TITLE	SPECIMEN SIGNATURE
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On completion of this Formal Undertaking, please email a scanned copy to your Blair Consular Services Representative, and post the originally signed document to Blair Consular Services, Elizabeth House, 28 Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 2RH.

## **Standard Rules to be Observed by Applicants for the Issue of Certificates of Origin or for the Certification of International Trade Documents**

The **London Chamber of Commerce and Industry** is an issuing authority authorised by Her Majesty's Government under EC Regulation No. 2454/93 for granting or certifying officially prescribed Certificates of Origin, which operates in this regard under the guidance and conditions of British Chambers of Commerce.

The following rules (hereinafter referred to as "the Standard Rules") have been designed to render as simple and as equitable as possible the procedure and formalities connected with the issue of Certificates of Origin and the Certification of international trade documents, and to secure uniformity of practice as between all issuing bodies. The issuing body, as an authorised issuing authority, has undertaken to enforce the Standard Rules and any alteration or modification thereof as may from time to time be approved by British Chambers of Commerce. Before Certification by the issuing body of any documents it is a condition that each applicant shall give, in writing, an undertaking to conform with, and be bound by, the Standard Rules operative at the time of Certification.

### **R U L E 1**

#### **Certificates of Origin**

- a) Certificates of Origin presented for certification by the issuing body must be on the official forms which have been obtained from the issuing body. Each Certificate, Copy Certificate and Application form must, in all respects, comply with the requirements of the authority whose Certificate is to be issued and must be prepared and completed in accordance with any regulations, rules and instructions published by that authority and with any instructions, rules or notes on the forms.
- b) A copy of the export invoice, signed in accordance with Rule 3, in respect of the goods described in the Certificate of Origin must be produced with the Certificate, unless otherwise authorised by the issuing body.
- c) The goods must be described according to their commercial description which must be the same as appears in the export invoice. If the space reserved in the Certificate for the description of the goods is insufficient the applicant must:

*either*

use two or more Certificate forms according to the space required; in this event the official number of the second and any further Certificate forms used must be inserted in its place; each form should be noted with the number of Certificate forms which in total comprise the Certificate of Origin (e.g. "Page 1 of 3 pages", "Page 2 of 3 Pages" etc.);

*or*

firmly and permanently attach a copy of the export invoice, signed in accordance with Rule 3, to the Certificate, to each copy Certificate and to the Application form. A general description of the goods and the words "According to the attached invoice No ..... dated ....." must be inserted in the space for the description of the goods on each of the forms.

## Export Invoices

d) Where it is necessary for a Certificate of Origin or any other certificate to be on the export invoice, applicants must present the invoice bearing the requisite exporter's declaration. Invoices must be presented in such number as may be specified by any requirements of the particular country to which the goods are being consigned or as required to meet reasonable commercial needs. The declaration on the original and on each copy invoice must be signed in accordance with Rule 3.

## Certificates and invoices

e) A copy of each document submitted to the issuing body for certification must be supplied for retention by the issuing body and must bear the signature of the person who signed the original declaration.

## R U L E 2

It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the appropriate declaration of origin of any goods which are the subject of an application for a Certificate of Origin. The origin of the goods must be determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Regulations of the European Communities.

In order that the issuing body may be satisfied as to the accuracy of the declaration the following conditions must be met:

a) An applicant is to make available for examination by the issuing body, when required, his books and records. The issuing body shall have the right also to inspect the goods and to make any enquiries from other firms or organisations stated by the applicant to have been involved in manufacturing, applying any process to, or supplying the goods. Additionally, the issuing body have the right to make any further enquiries it deems necessary.

b) Where the goods have been manufactured or processed by the applicant he must declare, or otherwise detail the processes performed by him, on the reverse of the application form in accordance with the requirements of the certifying authority.

c) If the goods were not manufactured by the applicant, the applicant must state the name and address of the manufacturer and support the application by making available for inspection, when requested by the issuing body, the invoice/s of the manufacturers or suppliers bearing a signed declaration as to the origin of the goods. Where commercial confidentiality requires it and the instructions of the authority allow it, the statement about the manufacturer must be shown on the Application form only but may be and omitted from the Certificate and from any copies of the Certificate.

d) In cases of re-exportation the applicant must produce evidence to identify the re-exported goods with the goods previously imported and support his declaration of origin by producing:-

- (i) a Certificate of Origin of a responsible body in the country of export, or
- (ii) a declaration by the actual producer or manufacturer of the goods, or
- (iii) a copy of the import entry against which the goods were cleared by HM Revenue & Customs, or
- (iv) in the case of goods bought from a third party, a signed statement from that party declaring the origin of the goods.

e) The applicant must provide any further information the issuing body deems necessary.

### **R U L E 3**

All applications for Certificates of Origin, all declarations made in connection with such applications and all declarations on invoices or on other documents for which certification is sought must be signed by principals, i.e:-

- a) in the case of a sole trader, by the proprietor himself;
- b) in the case of a partnership, by a partner of the firm;
- c) in the case of a corporate body, by a director or the Secretary;

Alternatively, declarations etc. may be signed by a duly authorised official or agent of a sole trader, firm or corporate body. In the case of officials, a letter of authority signed by the Proprietor, a Partner in the firm, or a Director or the Secretary of the corporate body, together with a specimen signature of the person concerned must be deposited with the issuing body (normally this is in the form of the Formal Undertaking combined with the list of authorised signatories). In the case of an agent such as a shipping or forwarding agent, the issuing body can proceed with the application on the basis of the applicant's Formal Undertaking, but if there is any doubt whether the agent has the necessary authority, written authorisation from the agent's principal should be requested.

### **R U L E 4**

If, at any time, any declarations made by an applicant or anyone providing supporting evidence should be called in question by any competent person or authority and the applicant does not, within seven days after being notified by the issuing body, satisfy the issuing body that the declaration or evidence was authentic, the issuing body shall be at liberty to communicate particulars of the case to the appropriate authorities.

### **R U L E 5**

The Standard Rules may from time to time be altered, amended or replaced by new Rules approved by British Chambers of Commerce. Any such modification, alteration or replacement, and the date from which such shall be effective, will be made known to applicants by the issuing body in writing. From the date on which any such modification, alteration or replacement of the Rules takes effect, applicants will be deemed to have had notice of it and be bound thereby.

### **R U L E 6**

Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing Rules, the issuing body reserves to itself the right, at any time and without indicating any reason whatsoever, to refuse to verify or certify Certificates of Origin or invoices (or other documents) which may be presented to it for verification or certification.

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