

ANNEX 3-D
PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN
(ARTICLE 3.16)

1. Applications for the issuance of Electronic Certificates of Origin

The exporter or his authorized representative (e.g. his customs agent) (hereinafter: "the exporter") will submit an application for the issuance of an Electronic Certificate of Origin in accordance with Article 3.16 and the domestic law of the exporting Party.

The application will be submitted by the exporter by electronic means.

The application will contain all data included in the Electronic Certificate of Origin form which appears in Annex 3-B of this Chapter, as well as any other information required by the customs authority of the exporting Party.

The application will be checked in accordance with the domestic law and procedures applicable in the exporting Party, subject to the provisions of this Chapter.

2. Issuance of Electronic Certificates of Origin

Each Party shall establish a secure Internet site in which all the Electronic Certificates of Origin issued by it will be stored.

Electronic Certificates of Origin will be stored on the Internet site by the competent governmental authorities of the exporting country.

The exporter shall request the customs authority of the exporting Party to issue an Electronic Certificate of Origin through the Internet site designated for that purpose.

The customs authority of the exporting Party, shall review the information provided by the exporter. If the information is sufficient to enable the issuance of the Electronic Certificate of Origin, the Certificate shall be assigned a unique reference number (hereinafter referred to as "the Certificate number"), and shall be stored on the Internet site of the issuing authority. As soon as it has been stored on the Internet site, it shall be considered as "issued".

The Certificate number shall be assigned in accordance with a fixed structure that will be agreed upon by the Parties.

The Certificate number shall be forwarded to the exporter as soon as the Certificate of Origin is issued, in accordance with the procedures applicable in the exporting Party.

The Certificates of Origin shall be preserved for the period stipulated in Article 3.25.

The exporter shall forward the Certificate number to the importer.

The Certificate number shall be submitted by the importer to the customs authority of the importing Party during the customs clearance procedures, and shall be treated as a proof of origin, in accordance with this Chapter.

3. Implementation

The customs authorities of Israel and Colombia shall exchange user names and passwords that will enable access to their Internet sites. This access will be granted only for the purpose of checking a specific Electronic Certificate of Origin by means of the Certificate number that was submitted at the time of importation.

4. Technical Aspects

The Parties, through the Subcommittee on Customs, Trade Facilitation and Rules of Origin, shall agree upon the technical details of the implementation of this Annex.