

Guidance on Certificates of Origin for Part-Shipments

Currently the procedures manual offers no guidance on if these are allowed and if so, how they should be processed. The Certification Group (CG) has considered this and decided that Certificates of Origin (CO's) can be issued for part shipments. It is not expected that this would be done on a regular basis and should only be allowed where the exporter can reasonably explain why only some of the goods are covered. If all the goods are not covered by the CO then there is a chance the goods will be rejected by customs.

The procedure for issuing COs for part-shipments is as follows:

- The exporter would clearly indicate on the invoice the items which the Certificate of Origin covers. This can be the use of an asterisk as with preference documents but can be any symbol etc as long as the goods covered by the CO are clearly identified.
- The exporter lists only those items for which origin is claimed in Box 6.
- The exporter lists the weights of only the goods declared in Box 7 which must be evidenced by the item weights on the invoice. A general overall weight cannot be used.
- In Box 5 the following statement would be added: This Certificate of Origin only covers items listed in Box 6 and does not cover the additional items on invoice number xxxx dated xxxx.