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To: The Chief Executive and Certification Manager of all Issuing Bodies

Dear Chamber Colleagues,

## **UK Certificates of Origin being rejected**

We have been made aware that recently a number of UK Certificates of Origins have been rejected by customs authorities as they have been unable to verify the UK Certificate of Origin on the ICC Certification of Origin verification website (<a href="https://iccwbo.org/resources-for-business/certificates-of-origin/certificates-origin-verification-website/">https://iccwbo.org/resources-for-business/certificates-of-origin/certificates-origin-verification-website/</a>).

Certificates of Origin prepared on one of the online platforms are automatically uploaded and can be verified on the website. Manual documents cannot be uploaded to the site.

So far the countries for which this is a particular problem are Russia and Azerbaijan but we expect more countries to use this site going forward. Given the increasing use of the ICC Certificate of Origin verification website by customs authorities we would encourage you to move **ALL** exporters to the online platforms.

Yours sincerely,

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