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## GRESHAM AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS CENTER

**TO:** Certificate of Origin Customers

**FR:** Lynn Snodgrass, CEO

**RE:** 2017 Certificate of Origin System & Prices

Thank you for your interest in the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce being able to certify your Certificate of Origin. We are pleased to be able to provide this service for our business community.

Here are the following requirements:

- **Manufacturer's Invoice** – as well as other documents indicating the origin of the goods for which certification is requested.
- **Certificate of Origin Affidavit** – this document should be prepared on the Chamber's form and **MUST** contain the Chamber's disclaimer prior to our attaching the Chamber seal.
- **Exporter's Representation** – this document should be prepared on your company letterhead and kept on file at the Chamber (sample attached).
- **Price Per Certificate Signature** – Chamber members, \$5 each; \$25 each for non-members.

Included is a fact sheet about Certificates of Origin for your information. Please call the Chamber at (503) 665-1131 with any questions.

## EXPORTER'S REPRESENTATION

(this document must be on your company letterhead)

\_\_\_\_\_ (business name) represents that it maintains manufacturer's invoices, shipper's affidavits, commercial factory invoices, or other documentation indicating the origin of goods in every transaction for which certification is requested from the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce.

\_\_\_\_\_ (business name) further represents that information provided in its certification request is an accurate statement of information contained in its documentation.

\_\_\_\_\_ (business name) assumes all responsibility for the truth and accuracy of this information and will defend and hold the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce harmless for any loss or liability resulting from any inaccuracy.

\_\_\_\_\_ (business name) will make these documents available for inspection upon request by the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce or any interested party to a transaction for which this certification has been provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name & Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Business)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

## CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

The undersigned .....  
 (Owner or Agent and Company)

for .....  
 declares that the following mentioned goods shipped on S/S .....

On the date of ..... and consigned to .....

..... are the products of the United States of America.

MARKS AND NUMBERS	NO. OF PKGS, BOXES OR CASES	WEIGHT IN KILOS		DESCRIPTION
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Affidavit of Origin

The undersigned exporter certifies to the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center that the goods to be shipped by exporter constitute "domestic exports" of the United States of America as determined in compliance with the definition of "D" (Domestic) exports promulgated by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, for the purpose of the Shippers Export Declarations and in accordance with any other applicable federal, state or foreign law.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon on the .....day  
 of ....., 20.....  
 .....  
 (Signature of Owner or Agent)

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center (the Chamber) states that, based solely on the affidavit of the exporter and without any independent verification by the Chamber, the Chamber believes that the goods described above are products of the United States of America. The Chamber makes no warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the goods, affidavit or any documents relating to the goods, and assumes no responsibility for the truth or accuracy of any statements contained in the affidavit or any documents relating to the goods.

.....  
 (Corporate Secretary or Delegate)

Affix corporate seal after signature



## Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

### Certificate of Origin Fact Sheet

The Certificate of Origin is an often required yet little understood export document. While usually considered one of those onerous foreign trade details by the exporter, it can be of supreme importance to the importer. Most countries consider a product's origin in determining the duty payable. In extreme situations like boycotts and embargoes, a product's origin can determine its very admissibility into a particular market. Since the name of the game is to make buying our products as easy as possible for our importing customers, savvy exporters take pains to get this important document right.

Like all other export documents, Certificate of Origin's are statements that certain events have taken place. In this case, the "event" is simply that the referenced items were produced in particular country/countries. "Produced" may mean manufactured, mined or grown. It also means produced from totally local content or produced from local and imported content.

Projecting from their own experience, foreign governments designated the Chambers of Commerce in the U.S. as the final authority in ratifying the country of origin as stated by shipper. The U.S. Department of Commerce does not oversee the process of Chamber certification and each Chamber is free to set its own rules covering what it will or will not certify. Since local Chambers count among their members a large number of local businesses and are actually on the scene, the Department of Commerce believes Chambers are in the unique position of being the best possible authority.

As an exporter, you and your overseas customers have a lot of common interests. Proper documentation of all your shipments is one of them. Certificate of Origin's are becoming increasingly important in the documentation process. While not all countries require certificates of origin, every country you ship to is still vitally concerned with the origin of goods they import.