

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPANIES TO PROVE THE ORIGIN OF GOODS FROM THE 1st JANUARY 2019 ONWARDS

The Finnish Chambers of Commerce will join the Certificates of Origins (CO) Accreditation Chain of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on the 1st January 2019. After this date companies should take into account the following changes when applying for non-preferential Certificates of Origin (Attachment 1):

- Exporter's invoice should be presented with the application. A proforma invoice will be exceptionally accepted, if the exporter's invoice is not available.
- If the goods are not the company's own production, a supplier's invoice or a Certificate of Origin issued in the country where the goods were purchased, is needed.
- Instead a supplier's invoice a supply chain declaration can be used to prove the origin of goods, when the company has several items (product names) or suppliers for its goods (Attachment 2). The declaration can be also downloaded on the e-vientiasiakirjat website <https://www.e-vientiasiakirjat.fi/en/etusivu> (on the right lower corner). The company assures with this declaration that the given information is correct and commits to provide the Chamber of Commerce with a new declaration, if there will be changes in the given information. The company provides information on goods (product name), suppliers and countries of origin in this declaration or attach an extract including the same information to it. The declaration should be signed (by the administrator) and combined into a single pdf document and sent to the Chamber of Commerce which issues the Certificate of Origin. The Chamber of Commerce will save it in the e-vientiasiakirjat -service.
- If the company cannot prove the origin of goods in the ways mentioned above, the company should give a reason for that and a written explanation of the origin. This is used only in exceptional cases.

The Chamber of Commerce has the right not to issue a Certificate of Origin, if the Chamber of Commerce states that the evidence of origin is insufficient. The issuing Chamber of Commerce has always the right to check and verify the documents and their validity. A member of the Chamber of Commerce may, if necessary, also carry out a physical inspection.

Certificates of Origin with a wet stamp can be still applied through the e-vientiasiakirjat service. If these kinds of Certificates of Origin are needed the applicant should mention it in the field where additional information can be given. Certificates of Origin can also be applied manually after the 1st January 2019, but it is recommended only in exceptional cases. The Rules of the Certificates of Origins (CO) Accreditation Chain of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) applies all applications of Certificates of Origin.

The authenticity of the Certificates of Origin, issued from the 1st January 2019 onwards, can be checked through the ICC Verification website: <https://certificates.iccwbo.org/>. It should also be noted that only the name of the company, registered in the e-vientiasiakirjat -service, will be transferred to the ICC Verification site. In other words, if a company applies for a Certificate of Origin using the On behalf of -structure or if the company applies for Certificate of Origin in the name of another company A, the name of the other company A will not be transferred to the ICC site.

Contact details of the Chamber of Commerce in Finland can be found on the website: <https://kauppakamari.fi/k2/kauppakamarit/> For further information, please, contact:

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Attachment 1: Print screen of the application of the Certificate of Origin. Evidence of origin, information on delivery and attachments (from the 1st January 2019 onwards).

7. Terms, delivery information and attachments

Verification of origin

* Exporter's invoice is attached.

(Proforma invoice is exceptionally accepted if exporter's invoice is not still available.)

Manufacturing and purchasing information (Please, choose at least one option)

Goods are company's own production.

Goods are purchased. Documentation on origin is attached.

(Supplier's invoice or Certificate of Origin)

Goods are purchased. Declaration of the supply chain has been sent to the issuing Chamber of Commerce.

Goods are purchased. Documentation on origin cannot be delivered in the ways mentioned above.

A separate explanation is needed in the text field.

Text field

* I have read the instructions
