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**Workshop on Rules of Origin for Public and Private[[1]](#footnote-1) Stakeholders in Thailand**

**10 July 2023**

**Bangkok**

**Trainers:**

* **Darlan F. Martí;** Secretary of the Committee on Rules of Origin of the World Trade Organization
* **Simon Neumueller;** Economic Affairs Officer, Market Access Division, World Trade Organization

**Opening and introduction**

**Session 1. Overview on Rules of Origin**

What are rules of origin and why are they used in international trade? Distinction between preferential rules of origin and non-preferential rules of origin. Overview of different types of rules of origin and additional concepts related to origin.

**Session 2. Certification of origin and compliance with origin requirements**

Different types of proofs of origin, certificates, electronic certification, registered exporters, self-certification.

**Session 3. Non-preferential rules of origin of the WTO’s Members**

Overview of non-preferential rules of origin and their application, the compliance of such rules with the Agreement of Rules of Origin.

**Session 4. How to find information about rules of origin?**

Information available in the WTO website, resources available in the WCO website. Overview of resources concerning advance rulings. The ITC-WCO-WTO Origin Facilitator.

**Workshop evaluation and Conclusions**

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**Workshop on Rules of Origin for Government Officials in Thailand**

**11 and 12 July 2023**

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**11 July 2023**

**Opening and introduction**

**Session 1. Thailand Non-preferential Certification Process**

Overview of Thailand's current legislation and practices by an Official from the Department of Foreign Trade

**Session 2. Update on preferential rules of origin and latest trends in preferential proof of origin**

Overview of preferential rules of origin of the EU’s FTAs and USMCA, latest trends in preferential proofs of origin (e.g. blockchain, electronic certification)

Overview of preferential rules of origin used by Canada, EFTA States, Turkey and the ASEAN

**Session 3. Round table on the advantages and disadvantages of implementing non-preferential rules of origin in Thailand**

views on the establishment of the non-preferential rules of origin of Thailand, recommendation for Thailand’s consideration on applying national non-preferential rules of origin.

**12 July 2023**

**Session 4. Negotiating, drafting and applying rules of origin**

Illustrations of different types of rules of origin, comparison of rules of origin used in different regional trade agreements and a roundtable discussion about possible best practices.

**Session 5. Thailand Customs Procedure:**

Overview by an Official from Thai Customs Department of different types of commercial documents and related importing customs procedures and practices for the delivery of documents for exporters

**Session 6. Trade facilitation measures related to origin**

The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the provisions related to origin (with a focus on "advance rulings" and "availability of information")

**Workshop evaluation and Conclusions**

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