**REGULATION C/REG.4/4/02 42**

**ADOPTING A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN FOR PRODUCTS OF ECOWAS ORIGIN**

**THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,**

**MINDFUL** of articles 10,11 and 12of the Treaty establishing the Council of Ministers

and defining its composition and functions;

**MINDFUL** of Decision A/DEC.6/7/92 relating to the adoption and implementation of

a single ECOWAS trade liberalisation scheme;

**BEARING IN MIND** the directives of the Authority of Heads of State and Government issued at Lome on 10th December 1999 on the need for the coordination of the integration programmes of ECOWAS and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA);

**ALSO BEARING IN MIND** the conclusions of the ECOWAS/UEMOA Ministerial Meetings held in Bamako on 28th and 29th January 2000 on the need for the harmonisation ofthe Trade Liberalisation Schemes of ECOWAS and UEMOA;

**RECALLING** its directives issued to the Executive Secretariat of ECOWAS on 12th December 2000, to elaborate and submit legal texts for the harmonisation of the Trade Liberalisation Schemes of ECOWAS and UEMOA;

**CONVINCED** of the need to adopt a harmonised document in order to facilitate the movement of products within the ECOWAS Community;

On the **RECOMMENDATION** of the Extraordinary meeting of the Trade, Customs, Taxation, Statistics, Money and Payments Commission held at Abuja, from 5th to 6th April2002;

**ENACTS**

**Article 1**

The ECOWAS origin of products manufactured within the ECOWAS Community is attested by a certificate of origin, a specimen of which is attached to this regulation. However, agricultural and livestock products as well as hand-made articles or article manufactured with or without the use of tools, instruments, or implements directly operated by the craftsman are exempted from this requirement.

**Article 2**

The certificate of origin shall be of A4/ISO size (210x297mm) and green in colour. Specimen copies shall be printed by the Executive Secretariat and sent to the Member States.

**Article 3**

The certificate of origin shall be issued by the national authority designated by the Member State for the purpose. Officials authorised to issue or endorse the certificate of origin are required to append their signature, name and function legibly to the document.

**Article 4**

The previous certificate of origin referred to in article 1, Decision C/DEC.3/5/80, relating to proof and verification of the Community origin of goods, shall become invalid one year from the date of signature of this regulation.

The old format of the certificate may continue to circulate together with the new, but shall be withdrawn progressively within the time-frame prescribed above.

**Article 5**

This regulation shall be published by the Executive Secretariat in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. It shall also be published in the Official Gazette of each Member State within the same time-frame.

**DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2002**

**DR. KADI SESAY**

**CHAIRMAN**

**FOR COUNCIL**

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| ECOWAS/UEMOA | REPUBLIC OF |
| CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN NO………………. |
| 1. Producer(Name or trade name and address)Registration No | 3. Criteria determining origin (1)# Goods wholly produced in the Community# Goods sufficiently processed or worked:# - according to the criterion of changing oftariff position# - according to the criterion of value added…………… (2)# ECOWAS scheme (in compliance with theprovisions of Protocol A/.P1/1/03,.articles 2, 3 & 4)# UEMOA scheme (in compliance with theprovisions ofProtocol No CEG/UEMOA/01 |
| 2. Consignee(Name or trade name and address) |
| 4. Quantity,nature of goodsand no. ofpackages | 5. Tariff &StatisticalNomenclature | 6. Approval no. of goods | 7. Gross weightor othermeasure | 8 Invoice value |
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| 9. Declaration by exporter:I, the undersigned…………………. declare that the above-mentioned particulars are correct, and that the goods satisfy the requirements for the issue of this certificate.Place and date…………………………………. Signature………………….. |
| 10. Certification by the appropriate authorityDeclared criterion of origin certified correct.Place & date…………Signature and stamp……. (3) | 11. Certification by Customs, theundersigned Customs officer, declare thatthis certificate is authentic and accurate.Export document:Model No…………..dated……………..Place & date Signature……….. & stamp…… (3) |
| 12. Request for VerificationTo……………………….(address of issuing Customs office)Verification of authenticity and accuracyof this certificate is required.Place & date…………. Signature & stamp………(3) | 13. VerificationVerification establishes thatthis certificate (1):# has been issued by this office and thatthe particulars are correct;# does not satisfy the conditions ofauthenticity and accuracyPlace & date……… Signature & stamp....(3) |

(1) Mark a cross in the box as applicable

(2) State percentage of value-added

(3) Name of signatory and rank in block capitals (otherwise, indicate registration number)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Use block capitals except for names and signatures.

Do not write in margins or in between lines.

Any unused space must be struck through in such a manner as to make any later additions impossible.

2. The certificate must contain no erasures or words written over one another. Alterations should be made by crossing out the incorrect particulars and adding any corrections where necessary. All such alterations must be initialled by the person filling the certificate and endorsed by the Customs authorities of the issuing Member State.

3. This certificate is issued in a single original. All copies must bear the word" copy". In the event of loss of the original, a duplicate may be issued, bearing the word "Duplicate".

4. Goods must be described in accordance with commercial practice and in sufficient detail to enable their identification.

5. This certificate of origin covers one product only.

6. The period of validity of this certificate is six (6) months commencing from the date of issuance.