



Frequently Asked Questions USMCA Certificate of Origin

The USMCA Certificate of Origin form has instructions for each of the eleven fields requested on the Certificate. In some cases, more detailed explanations are required. MBC LLC strongly recommends that you consult with a Customs Broker or Customs Attorney for assistance and clarification when completing an USMCA Certificate of Origin. Listed below are answers to some Frequently Asked Questions.

1. What if my product does not qualify for USMCA?

Send a general Certificate of Origin or a Manufacturer's Affidavit. It can be in the form of a letter stating the country of origin, signed by a person with knowledge of the origin. It can also be in certificate of origin form, providing the tariff classification and country of origin. Either document must include the MBC LLC part number and common description of each item.

2. Our company does not prepare Certificates of Origin unless we are the exporter. How can we comply with your request?

You can substitute a Manufacturer's Affidavit or other written notification to MBC LLC providing the information requested in fields 5 through 10 and include the following certifications:

- a. The information provided on this document is true and accurate and I assume the responsibility for proving such representations. I understand that I am liable for any false statements or material omissions made on or in connection with this document.
- b. I agree to maintain, and present upon request, documentation necessary to support the statements made in this letter, and to inform, in writing, all persons to whom the certificate was given of any changes that could affect the accuracy or validity of the statements made in this letter.

3. Who must complete a Certificate of Origin?

All suppliers of raw material, equipment and parts to MBC LLC must provide a completed Certificate of Origin. If the goods you supply to MBC LLC qualify for USMCA, then you must provide a USMCA Certificate of Origin. If the goods you supply to MBC LLC do not qualify for USMCA, then you must provide a general Certificate of Origin or a Manufacturer's Affidavit.

USMCA Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

MBC LLC has several legal entities in the US, Mexico, and Canada. Rather than complete one Certificate of Origin for each legal entity, we choose to have one Certificate of Origin that can be used by all importing entities.

4. Who can sign the Certificate of Origin?

The certificate of origin must be completed, dated, and signed by a person who is authorized to represent the supplier or producer. This person is obligating the company to stand behind the information provided on the document and must have knowledge of the regulations applying to the document. It is strongly recommended that the person who signs the document have knowledge of trade regulations and the applicable USMCA provisions.

5. Do I have to include every part number or commodity I produce, distribute, or ship?

Yes. However, please include every part number or commodity supplied to MBC LLC. If the goods you supply to MBC LLC do not have part numbers, please include the model numbers or detailed descriptions of the goods supplied. We must be able to match the MBC LLC part number to the part number/commodity or description of your goods.

6. Where can I obtain more information?

- a. USMCA information can be found at the US Customs and Border Protection website at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/USMCA>
- b. USMCA information can be found at the Canada Border Services Agency website at <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d11/d11-4-14-eng.html>
- c. Harmonized Tariff Schedule information (including the USMCA rules) can be found at <https://hts.usitc.gov/current>
- d. You can find a Customs Attorney through your local chapter of the American Bar Association.
- e. You can find a US Customs Broker through your local Chamber of Commerce, the CBP website at https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/52/~/~obtaining-a-customs-broker, or the CBSA website at <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/services/cb-cd/cb-cd-eng.html>