

# WCO Global Origin Conference 2019

– Tentative programme –  
19-20 November 2019, Iquique, Chile

As of 30 October 2019

Day 1: Tuesday 19 November 2019	
08:30-09:30	<b>Arrival of participants and registration</b>
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	Mr. Ping Liu, Director Tariff and Trade Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)  Mr. José Ignacio Palma Sotomayor, Director General, Chile Customs
10:00-10:30	<b>Keynote Speech</b>
	Bernard Hoekman, Research Area Director, EUI
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:00-12:30	<b>Session 1: Regional Integration and its Impact on Global Economy</b>
	<p>This session will provide an overview of regional integration, covering trade in goods on a global level. It focuses on the latest trends and developments and their impact on rules of origin as well as on the economic impact of rules of origin. The session will also provide success stories for regional integration and touch upon the process of developing rules of origin to enhance regional integration.</p> <p>Moderator: Bernard Hoekman, Research Area Director, EUI</p> <p>Speaker 1: AfCFTA Aissata Koffi Yameogo, Customs Directorate, ECOWAS Commission</p> <p>Speaker 2: NAFTA Javier Quijano, MBA, LCB, Global Trade, EY</p> <p>Speaker 3: Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and Mercosur Bernardita Palacios Scheggia, Chile Customs</p> <p>Speaker 4: Developments in Asia-Pacific - RCEP Naoki Ida, Japan Customs</p>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-16:00	<b>Session 2: The impact of non-preferential rules of origin in today's trading environment</b>
	Rules of origin are used as an important trade measure. They do not constitute a trade instrument by themselves and are not to be used to pursue trade objectives directly or indirectly or as a policy measure. However, rules of origin are used to address different commercial policy instruments and can be used to attain specific purposes of national or international policies. This session will

	<p>discuss the challenges linked to the lack of harmonized non-preferential rules of origin.</p> <p>Moderator: Brian Staples, Trade Facilitation Services (TFS), consulting group</p> <p>Speaker 1: The situation seen from a private sector perspective Robert S. Smith, Americas Global Trade Leader, EY</p> <p>Speaker 2: The situation seen from a legal perspective Patricio Diaz Gavier, Lawyer</p> <p>Speaker 3: The situation seen from a Customs perspective Member Customs Administration</p>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:30-18:00	<b>Session 3: Update of Rules of Origin to capture the latest edition of the HS</b>
	<p>HS classification plays a pivotal role in determining the origin of goods. In cases where, as a consequence of HS amendments, different editions of the HS are used for the purposes of HS classification and origin determination, respectively, determination of origin becomes complicated and time-consuming. In order to avoid misapplication of rules of origin and to facilitate origin determination, thereby ensuring efficient and effective collection of revenue, it is critically important to update the rules of origin to ensure consistency between HS classification and origin determination. This session will present the current situation on a global level and discuss challenges linked with not updating the rules of origin to capture the latest edition of the HS.</p> <p>Moderator: Bernardita Palacios Scheggia, Chile Customs</p> <p>Speaker 1: An overview of the situation Kolja Mendel, Mendel Verlag</p> <p>Speaker 2: How to convert rules of origin from one HS version to another Rafael Cornejo, Director, World Origin Services</p> <p>Speaker 3: The situation seen from a Customs perspective Gary Wilkinson, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission</p>
18:00-20:00	<b>Networking cocktail hosted by Korea Customs Service and the World Customs Organization</b>

Day 2: Wednesday 20 November 2019	
09:00-11:00	<b>Session 4: Revised Kyoto Convention and other WCO origin tools</b>
	<p>The WCO Policy Commission and Council approved in June 2018 the setting up of a Working Group on the Comprehensive Review of the Revised Kyoto Convention (WGRKC), recognizing the need to ensure that the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) remains the blueprint for modern and efficient Customs procedures in the 21st Century. This session will give an overview of the updates linked to rules of origin and discuss how the RKC and other WCO tools can support the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreements and Free Trade Agreements.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Mette Werdelin Azzam, Senior Technical Officer, Origin, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 1: Update on the RKC review and short overview of other WCO tools Mette Werdelin Azzam, Senior Technical Officer, Origin, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 2: Contributions from external stakeholders Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Cooperation and EIF Section, UNCTAD</p> <p>Speaker 3: Electronic Origin Data Exchange System Yeoung Jun Yang, Director of FTA Cooperation Division, Korea Customs Service</p>
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
11:30-12:30	<b>Session 5: Administration of Rules of Origin</b>
	<p>A major challenge for all stakeholders is the lack of harmonization within the area of origin. The WCO is promoting procedural harmonization to ensure facilitation and compliance through the proper implementation of WCO tools on origin. This session will focus on the WCO work program for the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures. It will also provide good national practices for the implementation of rules of origin.</p> <p>Moderator: Robert S. Smith, Americas Global Trade Leader, EY</p> <p>Speaker 1: APEC – recent achievements and developments in relation to Customs Daniela Veas, APEC SCCP Chairperson</p> <p>Speaker 2: China's rules of origin administration and the application of trade facilitation policy and tools Nan Ding, China Customs</p> <p>Speaker 3: Reasons for under-utilization of the EU's Free Trade Agreements Jonas Kasteng, National Board of Trade, Swedish government agency</p>
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch and networking break</i>
14:30-16:00	<b>Session 6: WTO Nairobi Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs</b>
	<p>The session will analyze the challenges, progress and future actions in relation to the implementation of the WTO Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs, including the technical aspects, the procedural requirements and the obligations of the preference-granting countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Severino Dinis, Technical Attaché, Origin, WCO</p> <p>Speaker 1: Update on the implementation of the WTO Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs Darlan Marti, WTO</p> <p>Speaker 2: Update on the implementation of the WTO Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs Stefano Inama, Chief, Technical Cooperation and EIF Section, UNCTAD</p> <p>Speaker 3: Member Customs administration</p>

16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee and networking break</i>
16:00-17:30	<b>Session 7: Open Forum on future prospects of Rules of Origin</b>
	<p>This session covers views from different stakeholders on the future developments and the role of the trade community and Customs on a global level in the field of rules of origin. The aim of this session is to generate active discussions between all stakeholders in order to initiate a useful roadmap for the way forward on rules of origin and on how to expand global opportunities under Free Trade Agreements.</p> <p>Moderator: Bernard Hoekman, Research Area Director, EUI</p> <p>Speaker 1: Private sector perspective Åke Weyler, Swedish Association for Textile Importers</p> <p>Speaker 2: Private sector perspective Brian Staples, Trade Facilitation Services (TFS), consulting group</p>
17:30-18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
	Mr. Ping Liu, Director Tariff and Trade Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)