4. The exporting Party shall ensure that the exporter applying for the issuance of a Certificate of Origin for a product is prepared to submit at any time, at the request of the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees which issue the Certificate of Origin, all appropriate documents proving that the product qualifies as an originating product of a Party.

5. Where the exporter of a product is not the producer of the product in the customs territory of the exporting Party, the exporter may request a Certificate of Origin in accordance with the laws and regulations of the exporting Party on the basis of:

(a) a declaration given by the exporter to the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees based on the information provided by the producer of the product;

(b) a declaration voluntarily given by the producer of the product directly to the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees at the request of the exporter; or

(c) a declaration given to the exporter by another person, as provided for in the applicable laws and regulations of the exporting Party.

6. A Certificate of Origin for a product shall be issued by the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees if the product can be considered as an originating product of a Party.

7. The competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees shall take any steps necessary to verify the qualification of the products as originating products of a Party. They shall also ensure that the form referred to in paragraph 3 is duly completed. In particular, they shall check whether the space reserved for the description of the products has been completed in such a manner as to exclude all possibility of fraudulent additions.

8. The exporting Party shall ensure that the exporter to whom a Certificate of Origin for a product has been issued, or the producer referred to in subparagraph 5(b), notifies in writing the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees without delay when such exporter or producer knows that the product does not qualify as an originating product of the Party indicated in the Certificate of Origin.

9. The competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees shall, if they receive notification in accordance with paragraph 8 or if they learn, after the issuance of the Certificate of Origin, that the product does not qualify as an originating product of the Party indicated in the Certificate of Origin, cancel the Certificate of Origin, and promptly notify the cancellation to the exporter to whom the Certificate of Origin has been issued and to the customs authority of the importing Party, except where the Certificate of Origin has been returned to the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees without being used.

Article XVII
Certificate of Origin Issued Retrospectively

1. A Certificate of Origin shall be issued by the time of shipment, except as provided for in paragraph 2.

2. In exceptional cases where the Certificate of Origin has not been issued by the time of shipment, the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees shall, at the request of the exporter, issue a Certificate of Origin retrospectively in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article XVI of this Annex. Such Certificate of Origin shall bear the phrase "ISSUED RETROSPECTIVELY" in field 7.