3. Each Party shall ensure that the producer of a good who provides declaration under paragraph 4 of Article 39B shall keep the records relating to the origin of the good for 5 years, or a longer period where it is specified in the laws and regulations of the exporting Party, after the date on which the declaration referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 39B was given by the producer to the approved exporter, as specified in the laws and regulations of the exporting Party.

4. Each Party shall ensure that an importer claiming preferential tariff treatment for an imported good shall maintain for 5 years after the date of importation of the good or for such longer period as the Party may specify, such documentation as the Party may require relating to the importation of the good.

5. Each Party shall ensure that the competent governmental authority or its designees shall keep a record of the certificate of origin issued for a minimum period of 5 years after the date on which the certificate was issued. Such record will include all antecedents, which were presented to prove the qualification as an originating good.

Article 44
Origin Verifications

1. For the purposes of determining whether a good imported from the other Party under preferential tariff treatment qualifies as an originating good, the importing Party may conduct a verification through its customs authority, by means of:

(a) request of information relating to the origin of a good to the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party on the basis of a proof of origin;

(b) written questionnaires to an exporter or a producer of the good, referred to in Article 43, in the other Party;

(c) request to the exporting Party to collect information, including that contained in the documents maintained pursuant to Article 43, that demonstrate the compliance with Chapter 4 and to check, for that purpose, the facilities used in the production of the good, through a visit by its competent governmental authority along with the customs authority of the importing Party to the premises of an exporter or a producer of the good, referred to in Article 43, in the exporting Party, and to provide the collected information in the English language to the customs authority of the importing Party; or

(d) such other procedure as the Parties may agree.

2. Where the customs authority of the importing Party has initiated a verification in accordance with this Article, the provisions of Annex 5 shall be applied as appropriate.

3. For the purposes of subparagraph 1(a), the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party shall provide the information requested, in a period not exceeding 6 months, after the date of the request.

If the customs authority of the importing Party considers necessary, it may require additional information relating to the origin of the good. If additional information is requested by the customs authority of the importing Party, the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party shall provide the information requested in a period not exceeding 3 months after the date of the request.