9. A Certificate of Origin shall be issued only after the exporter who requests the Certificate of Origin, or the producer of a good in the exporting Party referred to in subparagraph 8(b), proves to the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees that the good to be exported qualifies as an originating good of the exporting Party.

10. The competent governmental authority of the exporting Party shall provide the importing Party with specimen signatures and impressions of stamps used in the offices of the competent governmental authority or its designees.

11. Each Party, in accordance with its laws and regulations, shall ensure that the competent governmental authority or its designees shall keep a record of issued Certificate of Origin for a period of five years after the date on which the Certificate was issued. Such record includes all supporting documents presented to prove the qualification as an originating good of the exporting Party.

12. The competent governmental authority of the exporting Party shall, when it cancels the decision to issue a Certificate of Origin, 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.

Article 3.17
Obligations regarding Exportations

Each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, ensure that an exporter to whom a Certificate of Origin has been issued, or the producer of a good in the exporting Party referred to in subparagraph 8(b) of Article 3.16 shall:

(a) notify in writing the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party or its designees without delay, when such exporter or producer knows that the good for which the Certificate of Origin has been issued does not qualify as an originating good of the exporting Party; and

(b) keep the records related to the origin of the good for five years after the date on which the Certificate of Origin was issued.

Article 3.18
Request for Checking of Certificate of Origin

1. In order to ensure the proper application of this Chapter, the Parties shall assist each other to check the information related to a Certificate of Origin, in accordance with this Agreement and their respective laws and regulations.

2. For the purposes of determining whether a good imported from the exporting Party under preferential tariff treatment qualifies as an originating good of the exporting Party, the customs authority of the importing Party may request information related to the origin of the good from the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party on the basis of a Certificate of Origin.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 2, the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party shall, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the exporting Party, provide the requested information in a period not exceeding four months after the date of receipt of the request. If the customs authority of the importing Party considers necessary, it may require additional information related 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, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the exporting Party, provide the requested information in a period not exceeding two months after the date of receipt of the request.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 3, the competent governmental authority of the exporting Party may request the exporter to whom the Certificate of Origin has been issued, or the producer of the good in the exporting Party referred to in subparagraph 8(b) of Article 3.16, to provide the former with the requested information.