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Dear Exporter,

The British Chamber of Commerce (BCC) as the authorising body in the UK for Certificates of Origin has decided that plain paper United Kingdom Certificates of Origin will be issued from 1 April 2023 in the UK. Over 40 per cent of Certificates of Origin issued worldwide are now printed on plain paper.

As we move into a digital future the BCC wants the Chambers to be in the vanguard working with the Government to achieve its digital ambition for a paperless border by 2025. The move to plain paper Certificates of Origin is the first step in this journey.

From this date all applications will have to be made via our online platform/s which you have already been signed up to. If required, the Chamber can prepare and complete applications for you on an online platform or where wet stamp legalisation is required by an importer, bank or destination country customs authority. Additional fees will apply.

Certificates of Origin printed via the online platform have additional security features such as the QR code allowing anyone with the Certificate of Origin to scan the QR code and see an online version of the Certificate of Origin so they can check the version they have has not been amended or falsified.

Anyone with the Certificate of Origin will also be able to verify the authenticity of the Certificate of Origin via the ICC verification website <https://certificates.iccwbo.org>.

Increasingly Customs authorities worldwide are looking to be able to verify Certificates of Origin online. This will also simplify the printing of Certificates of Origin by exporters as they will no longer need to insert a blank Certificate of Origin correctly into the printer before printing.

As a result of these changes, it has been necessary to review our pricing structure and there will be an increase from 1 April 2023. Our new documentation rates are attached.

Kind regards

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