



AMERICAN WORLD TRADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ABOUT THE AMERICAN WORLD TRADE CHAMBER

- The American World Trade Chamber (AWTCC) is a national chamber headquartered in New York with regional offices around the country.
- AWTCC is registered as a not-for-profit 501(c)6 Business league (Chamber) with the IRS.
- As a national chamber (similar to US Chamber), AWTCC’s focus is on exports (US Chamber does not approve COs).
- AWTCC is the only chamber in America with staff wholly certified by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris, to issue COs.
- AWTCC is the only chamber in America that has been accepted into the ICC Accreditation Chain.

Our Mission: To encourage the exports of goods and services from the U.S. by providing international best practices and compliance solutions.

Our Vision: To be America’s authority in export documentation.

Compliance:

- Use International template
- ICC Accreditation – stamp recognized and verified worldwide
- ICC CO Training
- Country specific consultation
- Part of ICC WCF CO Council with 40 countries



Security and Software – essDocs partner

- No emailing
- Unique serial number, security background, verifiability
- Fast, efficient for members resulting in monetary savings
- Electronic trends
- ICC interface

Non-Dues Revenue – Export Affiliate Program

- Provides insurance coverage for affiliates
- Increases manufacturing member base
- AWTCC acts as your “international division”, local chamber does not incur expense of training or staff to maintain the program
- AWTCC manages the program
- No cost to chambers (SaaS model)
- Provides true value to members, not just “stamp”

DID YOU KNOW: 98% of U.S. Exporters are SMEs. Most chambers are SMEs with fewer than 5 employees. 6 million U.S. jobs depend on exports.

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Certificate of Origin Affinity Program

Provide your export members a fully branded online Certificate of Origin system and certified international experts
We do the work. You get the credit. You earn.

What is a Certificate of Origin?

Many exporters need a Certificate of Origin to attest to the legal origin of goods. Under the Kyoto Convention, to which the United States is a signatory, this responsibility is most often entrusted to Chambers of Commerce. Origin of goods is often one of the most important factors in establishing duty rates (import tax) in virtually every country in the world.

Who regulates Certificates of Origin?

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) (Headquartered in Paris) and World Customs Organization (WCO) (Headquartered in Brussels) set standards and guidelines followed worldwide, including in the United States. In addition, many countries of the world have their own procedures; there are Preferential and Non-Preferential Certificates; specialized Certificates used under NAFTA; markets including Argentina, Colombia, Korea, Peru, many Middle East countries, and others, have special procedures and/or forms. Even the European Union has special rules for Certificates for processed food products. The legal concept of *substantial transformation* must sometimes be considered. No wonder several U.S. and foreign chambers over the years have been sued for certification malpractice – this is an extremely specialized field.

Who is American World Trade Chamber of Commerce?

AWTCC, a non-profit, 501(c)6 organization headquartered in New York, is dedicated to providing international trade solutions for exporters through its online documentation certification program and promoting international standards and best practices. We can help with specialized Certifications, are registered with European Union Customs for certification of processed food imports, and work with a number of foreign Embassies in the U.S. In short, AWTCC is the Certification compliance experts in the United States. **AWTCC uses sophisticated, specially customized online software from essDOCS – the parent company of eCertify and TradeCert.**

AWTCC certification staff hold Certificates of Training from the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris, France. AWTCC's President is the US delegate to the Certificate of Origin Council of the ICC World Chambers Federation in Paris, and a graduate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Institute of Organization Management (IOM). AWTCC is the only U.S. Chamber accredited by the ICC in Paris to the World Chambers Federation Certificate of Origin Chain.

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Chamber Affinity Program

Is your Chamber providing a world-class Certification service? Has your board considered the liability inherent in applying the Chamber's stamp to documents your staff may or may not understand? We would suggest you consider the following elements:

Your Chamber Performing Certification	
Branded system for your Chamber	No
Vacation coverage	?
Event coverage	?
Sick day coverage	?
Training coverage	?
ICC Accredited	?
Online verification	?
Embassy legalization	?
Consular registration	?
Recognized worldwide	?
CO Professional Liability Insurance	?
Exporter liability waiver form	?
Export compliance focused	?
ICC Certified Staff	?
AWTCC Certification Affinity Program	
Branded system for your Chamber	Yes
Vacation coverage	Yes
Event coverage	Yes
Sick day coverage	Yes
Training coverage	Yes
ICC Accredited	Yes
Online verification	Yes
Embassy legalization	Yes
Consular registration	Yes
Recognized worldwide	Yes
CO Professional Liability Insurance	Yes
Exporter liability waiver form	Yes
Export compliance focused	Yes
ICC Certified Staff	Yes



Online Certificates of Origin

Chamber Affinity Program Process



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Return this form to:
YOUR CHAMBER
 Address
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 Email

eCO REGISTRATION FORM

Exporter Freight Forwarder (Please tick appropriate box)

Please complete	Organization: _____ Address: _____ City / State / Zip Code: _____ Website: _____ Taxpayer Identification Number: _____
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In consideration of the American World Trade Chamber of Commerce and YOUR Chamber of Commerce (henceforth jointly referred to as the "CHAMBER") from time to time granting Certificates of Origin and other export-related documents, or otherwise certifying documents upon request by the above named Organization (henceforth referred to as the "Organization"), the Organization hereby accepts FULL responsibility for the veracity, accuracy and completeness of such documents as are submitted by the Organization (and/or its representatives), or by the Organization on behalf of any of its clients.

The Organization also affirms that the documents submitted for certification will not pertain to the export of controlled goods; if affirmative, that it (or its clients) will obtain the necessary authorizations prior to submission to the "CHAMBER".

Further, the Organization waives and agrees to release and hold harmless the CHAMBER and its officials in respect of all claims or expenses that the Organization or foreign authorities may have against the CHAMBER or its officials or agents, now or in the future, in connection with such certification, and to indemnify the CHAMBER, its officials and agents in respect of any costs or liability to the CHAMBER, its officials or agents arising from such certification.

The Organization acknowledges that the CHAMBER will keep copies of documents certified with the background documentation provided. If the CHAMBER is presented with a demand for production of documents which is authorized by law, the Organization authorizes the CHAMBER to produce documents received from the Organization in accordance with the demand. The Organization also agrees to make readily available to the CHAMBER any other background documents (to be kept by the CHAMBER for at least three years after the certification), for review by relevant authorities if requested.

Primary Contact / Authorized Official: This is the exporter's primary contact for certification matters. For users of the online Certificate of Origin system, this will be the primary system user who has authority to set up other users within the Organization.

Please complete	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms _____ (Print / type full name of Primary Contact. Complete even if Primary Contact is same as Authorizing Official) Job Title: _____ eMail Address: _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____
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Applications for Certificates of Origin are accepted under the below terms of conditions and those listed at www.awtcc.org, which apply to each Application made, and you Agree to all terms and conditions:

- The goods mentioned in each Application originate in the country(ies) specified therein and comply with the rules of origin applicable in the country(ies) to those goods.
- The information in the Application and in all documents provided to the CHAMBER is accurate, true and complete.
- The Applicant undertakes to advise the CHAMBER and any other person(s) to whom the applicant provides each Certificate (or to whom a Certificate is provided to with the knowledge of the Applicant) promptly in writing of any inaccuracy, omission or change in such information, or in the origin of the goods.
- The Applicant will maintain, and present upon request, such documentation as is necessary to verify the truth, accuracy and completeness of each Certificate and accompanying documents.
- In consideration for the CHAMBER's issuance of each Certificate, the Applicant agrees to release, discharge and hold harmless the CHAMBER from any liability in connection with the issuance of the Certificate, and to indemnify the CHAMBER in respect of any costs and/or claims made against the CHAMBER in connection thereof.
- The Authorized Official is authorized to give the undertakings set out herein and above.

Signature of Authorized Official (seal if available)

X _____

Print Name of Authorized Official

Print Title of Authorized Official

DATE

Upon completion of your registration form, The Primary Contact will receive the login details and User Guide via email.

CHAMBER Forward signed form to:
register@awtcc.org

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Large Chamber – Over 50/month

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Michele Hefferon
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Michele.hefferon@greaterrochesterchamber.com

Medium Chamber – (10-50/month)

Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Baton Rouge, LA
Jennifer Watson
(225) 381-7125
jennifer@brac.org

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, Cincinnati, OH
Shawn Frost
(513) 579-3163
sfrost@cincinnati-chamber.com

Small Chamber – (less than 10/month)

Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, Sandy UT
Erica Bohl
(801) 727-4502
erica@sandychamber.com

"I just want to first off say that the chamber and myself really do appreciate and enjoy our partnership. Having a more official and well-informed authority on exporting coordinate our Certificate of Origin program logistics has been breathtaking." – Shawn Frost, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

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