

CPTPP COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN AND ORIGIN PROCEDURES**COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. The 6th meeting of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Committee on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures was convened virtually on 22 November 2023. Delegates from the following CPTPP Members were present at the meeting: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United Kingdom, and Viet Nam. The meeting was chaired by Christine Mullinder, Principal Trade Policy Analyst, New Zealand Customs Service.
2. The agenda of the Committee meeting is attached in **Annex A**, and a summary of the Committee's discussions, as well as any outcomes under the respective agenda items are set out below.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The Committee adopted the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF OPERATION/IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 3 ON RULES OF ORIGIN AND ORIGIN PROCEDURES

4. Members continued the discussion on a proposed set of key principles for the implementation of certifications of origin; specifically with respect to Element 7 (Origin Criterion) of the Annex 3-B. In its endeavour to collectively confirm a set of key principles to avoid unnecessary burdens for traders and rejection of the certification of origin, Members continued to consider the differing approaches of the Members' customs administrations to the information required to be provided for the Element 7. This approach for some Members did not address the central issue of when and why a certification may be rejected or considered invalid, and when further information may be requested or voluntarily provided prior to acceptance or rejection of the certification.
5. It was noted that for one Member, Element 7 of the Annex 3-B required additional details to the origin criterion to be stated. Some Members expressed concern that this provision was being extended to requiring more detailed information, such as the actual percentage of the regional value content.
6. Given the diversity of views, the Chair noted that this issue was unlikely to be concluded at this meeting. The Chair invited all Members to review the information that had previously been provided, both in the appendix to the proposed key principles, and the documentation of verification practices which detailed the various approaches. The appendix could be usefully updated to include customs administration practice regarding amending or correcting a certification of origin and the grounds on which a

certification would be deemed invalid or rejected. The Chair undertook to recirculate a revised appendix.

7. Viet Nam noted that the statement did not include their intersessional comments. The Chair advised that these did not appear to have been received. The Chair requested that these comments be resubmitted for inclusion and circulation to the ROO Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 3: FINALISE COMMITTEE REPORTS (June meetings)

8. Members confirmed the finalised version of the report for the 5th Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Committee on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures (June 27, 2023).

AGENDA ITEM 4: PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES (PSR) TRANSPOSITION HS2022

9. Members considered the proposed transposition for the product specific rules (PSRs) from HS 2017 to HS 2022 nomenclature.
10. The Annex 3-D Appendix 1 Provisions Related to the Product-Specific Rules of Origin for Certain Vehicles and Parts of Vehicles was provisionally confirmed.
11. Most of the HS 2022 changes proposed for Annex 3-D Product Specific Rules of Origin were also provisionally confirmed. A small number of items in this Schedule require further discussion and the Chair undertook to circulate a detailed examination of these items for consideration.
12. The Chair requested that all Members review the deliberations of the meeting and finalise their positions on all the proposed changes so that this work can be concluded.

AGENDA ITEM 5: OTHER MATTERS

13. Viet Nam asked that Members share their customs declaration documents with Viet Nam to assist with Viet Nam's customs procedures. The Chair noted that the CPTPP did not allow for prescribed origin declarations and requested that Viet Nam clarify their request as it did not appear to relate to matters covered by this Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 6: NEXT MEETINGS

14. New Zealand concluded its period as Chair of the Committee on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures. The Chair thanked Members for their active engagement and wished Canada well for their Chairmanship of the Committees in 2024. Canada will propose and organise the next meetings of the Committees.

ANNEX A

**CPTPP COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF ORIGIN AND ORIGIN PROCEDURES**

22 November 2023

Virtual Meeting Hosted by New Zealand

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**AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF OPERATION/IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 3 ON RULES OF
ORIGIN AND ORIGIN PROCEDURES**

- Finalise Key Principles Document

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