

Chambers of Commerce have traditionally issued certificates of origin on behalf of U.S. exporters who are required to provide assurances to foreign buyers that the goods they are purchasing originated in the United States.

Some chambers review as many documents as they can in order to make a reasonable determination that the goods did originate in the United States before issuing a certificate. Here at the Kent Chamber of Commerce we require the following; manufacturer's invoices, shipper's affidavits and other documents which may indicate the origin of the goods. We also require the following verbiage to appear on all certificates of origin:

The Kent Chamber of Commerce states that, based solely on the above exporter's affidavit, the Chamber believes that the goods described in the above affidavit are products of the United States of America. The Chamber assumes no responsibility beyond obtaining the sworn statements in the above affidavit. It makes no warranty, expressed or implied, concerning the goods, affidavit, or any documents relating thereto, and assumes no responsibility for the truth or accuracy of any statements contained in said affidavit or any of the documents mentioned herein.

A Certificate of Origin must have:

- The authorized signature of the local Chamber of Commerce Secretary and the seal of that organization.
- The shipper's name and address.
- The recipient's name and address.
- The product's parts or serial numbers
- The number of packages, boxes or crates in the shipment.
- The gross and net weight of the shipment.
- A complete and accurate description of the contents of the shipment.
- The country of origin of the contents of the shipment.

A notary is not needed on a certificate of origin. If there is a spot for a notary to sign, the only person who can sign that is Andrea with the signee present and a valid form of their I.D.

Each Certificate of Origin is free for members and \$75 for non-members.

Each Notary is free for members and \$10 for non-members.