

E-CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN



This service is a web-based Certificate of Origin application and certification system providing a single interface for exporters to apply for the document conveniently.

A Certificate of Origin (CO) is a document, required by the importing country, declaring that goods in a particular export shipment are of a certain origin. COs are used to satisfy the buyers that the products exported are wholly obtained, produced or manufactured in a certain country. The country of origin is NOT the country from where the product is shipped. It is the country where the product was manufactured or at least underwent a substantial change or modification.

Customs authorities will use this document to determine whether or not a preferential duty rate applies on the products being imported and whether a shipment may be legally imported during a specific quota period.

Users of this Service (Applicants)

The targeted users of this service are:

1. Exporters
2. Manufacturers
3. Registered Customs Brokers and Agents (authorized to apply for COs on behalf of exporters and allowed under relevant trade agreements)

Application Process

1. To access TTBizLink, an Applicant must first obtain a ttconnect identification number and sign up on TTBizLink for the relevant e-services he/she wishes to use, such as the Certificate of Origin e-service. The Applicant can then apply for a TTBizLink ID.

2. The applicant then submits an electronic application via the TTBizLink website **www.ttbizlink.gov.tt**.
3. TTBizLink routes the application to the relevant Authorized Organization (AO). For example, exporTT issues COs for goods to be exported to countries which have Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Trinidad and Tobago and CARICOM. These countries include:

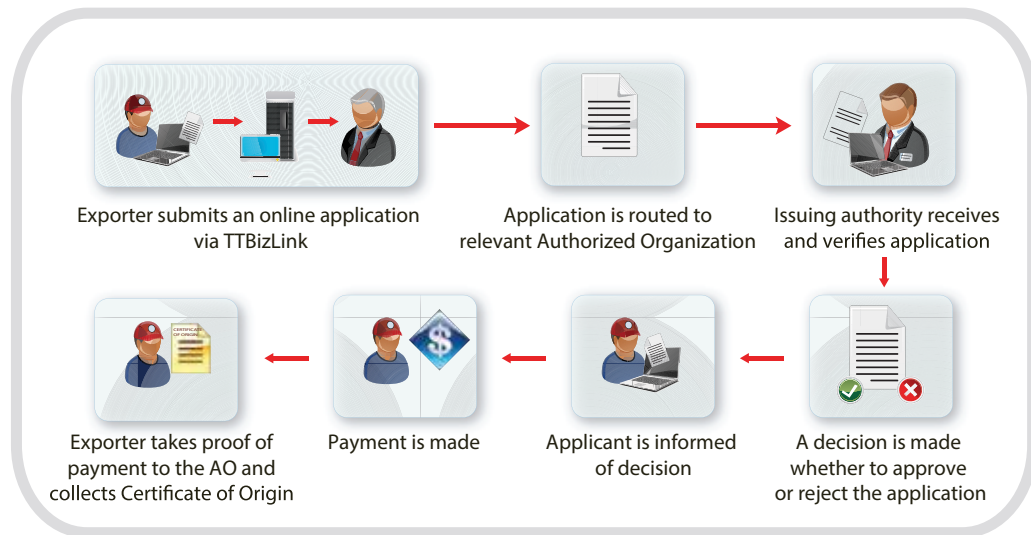
- Cuba
- Venezuela
- Costa Rica
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- CARICOM Member States (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname)

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TTCIC) issues COs for non-preferential goods. The Customs and Excise Division issues COs for goods to be exported to Europe and the USA. COs for these countries cannot be submitted via TTBizLink at this time.

4. The application may need to be accompanied by the following documents:
 - I. CARICOM Invoice
 - II. Export Licence (if needed)
 - III. Customs Declaration Form (C82)
 - IV. Any other document relevant to the processing of the application
5. The relevant AO receives the application.
6. The AO verifies the application and approves the application once all the requirements are met.
7. Notification of the approval is sent to the applicant via e-mail.
8. Payment can be made in the following ways:
 - I. At the exporTT - LINX, Credit Card, At any branch of First Citizens Bank via Account Number 1502231
 - II. At the TTCIC - Cash, LINX, Cheque
9. Proof of payment submitted to the AO upon collection of approved CO.

Benefits

- Simplified process with 'one-stop' interface for all applications
- Increased efficiency and elimination of manual processes
- Set service standard for the processing of all applications



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