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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 802/68 on the common definition of the  
concept of origin of goods

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(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. The criteria concerning the size of origin certificates are laid down in Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 802/68.
2. Recent developments show that the certification procedures are increasingly computerized by using continuous stationery. Thus it seems impossible to always respect the exact size and there might be a danger that certificates so issued will be rejected on the technicality that their size does not conform to the legal requirements.
3. In order to overcome this situation it is proposed to insert into Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 802/68 a provision allowing for a certain tolerance in the length of the origin certificates.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No. 802/68<sup>1</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3860/87<sup>2</sup> lays down in its Annex II the criteria to be applied as regards certificates of origin; whereas certificates of origin must measure 210 x 297mm,

Whereas the issue of certificates of origin is increasingly computerised, which involves the use of continuous stationery; whereas it has been found impossible to conform precisely to the prescribed measurements;

whereas it is necessary to avoid obstacles to trade and to remove the danger that a certificate of origin may be rejected on the technicality that its size does not conform to the measurements; whereas it is necessary to introduce a tolerance of up to minus 5mm or plus 8mm in the length,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(1) OJ No. L 148, 28.06.1968, p.1

(2) OJ No. L 363, 23.12.1987, p. 30

## Article 1

Point 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 802/68 is hereby replaced by the following:

"4. The size of the certificate shall be 210 x 297mm. A tolerance of up to minus 5mm or plus 8mm in the length is to be allowed. The paper used shall be white, free of mechanical pulp, dressed for writing purposes and weigh at least 40g/m<sup>2</sup> or between 25 and 30g/m<sup>2</sup> where air-mail paper is used. It shall have a printed guilloche pattern background in sepia such as to reveal any falsification by mechanical or chemical means".

## Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels

For the Council  
The President

Commission of the European Communities

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