



NAFTA



Since 1993

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**547%**

Mexico-US bilateral commerce grew since NAFTA took effect.

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**\$3.3 Billion**

Goods that on any given day cross the border within the regions.

## Common Errors to Consider when Completing a NAFTA Certificate of Origin:

### 1. An email address is not listed.

An email address is required along with physical address.

### 2. Box 3 and 8 don't match or correlate.

Only mark if you are producer if you made the goods. And make sure you mark it in both boxes.

### 3. Additional Countries of Origin other than US, MX, and CA.

China is not part of NAFTA!

### 4. Only 6 digits for the HTS.

An HTS number requires 10 digits, but the NAFTA Certificate of Origin only requires 6 digits.

### 5. Preference Criterion is incorrect.

Don't automatically assume your product is considered "A." This will likely cause issues.

## Clarifying the meaning of Valid, Invalid and Defective:

### Valid

A NAFTA Certificate of Origin is valid if it:

1. Lists the goods in question
2. Covers the period in question
3. Includes the exporter's or his agent's signature in block 11a "Authorized Signature"
4. Was in the importer's possession at the time of the claim, as demonstrated by:
  - 1) a block 11e "Authorized Signature" date prior to the date of the preference claim, and
  - 2) submission upon request of a CBP official

### Invalid

A NAFTA Certificate of Origin is invalid if it does not meet the aforementioned requirements.

### Defective

These include, but are not limited to the following: illegibility, misclassification, incorrect or missing preference criteria, signature by an individual who cannot legally bind the company, typed or stamped signature, 3rd-country goods in addition to NAFTA, Net cost field error, single entry Certificate without an invoice or other unique reference numbers, or other similar errors or omissions.



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