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Rules of origin

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

The UNCTAD secretariat has received the following communication from the European Commission:

"... point out that the rules of the European Union do not oblige beneficiary countries to send either the names or the signatures of officials authorized to sign certificate of origin Form A. The European Union requires only original, legible impressions of the stamps used to certify Form A, and the names and addresses of the governmental authorities responsible for the issue and control of certificate of origin Form A, plus details of any subsequent changes. Information on the date of beginning of validity of new stamps, as well as the date of end of validity of old stamps is also required. All such information must be addressed by the authorities of the beneficiary country to the European Commission..."