



EXIT REPORT

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Accomplishments

- Provide comprehensive training program to customs, trade and private sector on preferential and non-preferential rules of origin (5 days).
- Perform gap analysis on implementation of rules of origin; including data and documentation requirements, publication of government requirements, risk management, verification of origin information, and training.

Issues

- Improving the prospects of more effective enforcement of trade regulations, particularly in respect of anti-dumping, countervailing duty, safeguard measures and preferential programs

Risks

- Inability to effectively enforce country-specific trade regulations
- Failure to collect proper anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard measure fees
- Failure to protect the revenue with respect to application of most-favored-nation treatment of imports

Counterpart Contacts

- Mr. Sayed Abol Komsan, First Undersecretary, Foreign Trade Sector, MTI
- Mr. Abdel Rahman Fawzy, First Undersecretary, Trade Agreements Sector, MTI
- Mr. Galal Ibrahim Abo El-Felouh, Head of Egyptian Customs Administration

Documents Received

- ATR report on WTO Rules of Origin compliance assessment for Egypt
- ATR consultant report on rules of origin technical assistance needs

- Egypt's customs regulations
- COMESA certificate of origin

Reports Delivered

EGYPT: Rules of Origin Workshop and Recommendations for Improved Administration

Next Steps

Accept and implement recommendations concerning revisions to the certificates of origin, improvements to the customs and trade websites, initiation of risk management and origin verification programs, establishment of rules of origin training programs for field officers.