

Article 4.7: Automation

1. Each Party shall use information technologies that expedite its domestic procedures for the release of goods in order to facilitate trade, including trade between the Parties.
2. Each Party shall:
 - (a) endeavour to make available electronically customs forms that are required for the import or export of goods;
 - (b) allow, subject to its law, those customs forms to be submitted in electronic format; and
 - (c) if possible, provide for the electronic exchange of information with its trading community through its customs authority.
3. Each Party shall endeavour to:
 - (a) develop or maintain fully interconnected single window systems to facilitate a single electronic submission of information required by customs and non-customs legislation for cross-border movements of goods; and
 - (b) develop a set of data elements and processes in accordance with the *WCO Data Model* and related WCO recommendations and guidelines.
4. The Parties shall endeavour to cooperate on the development of interoperable electronic systems, taking account of the work at the WCO, in order to facilitate trade between the Parties.

Article 4.8: Advance Rulings for Tariff Classification

1. Subject to Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures), a Party shall issue a written ruling prior to an importation in response to a written request by an importer in its territory, exporter or producer in the territory of the other Party, or their respective representatives.
2. A Party shall issue these rulings for tariff classification or rate of customs duty, except with respect to any form of surtax or surcharge, applicable upon importation.
3. For the purposes of paragraph 1, the issuance of advance rulings shall be administered in the same manner as the procedures set out in Article 3.30 (Advance Rulings relating to Origin).