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## 5. ORIGIN PROCEDURES

### Mexico's main objective

- Modernizing the certification and verification of origin schemes to meet the requirements of the 21st century and to promote their effective application in the new Agreement.

### Benefits for Mexico

- The simplification and standardization of the certification of origin as well as the modernization of the verification of origin will increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs by eliminating the certificate of origin format and expediting origin verifications.

### Chapter's main provisions

- The certification and verification schemes are modernized in order to simplify and expedite the verification process. Certifications of origin are no longer required to follow a prescribed format and can now be provided with an invoice or any other commercial document, provided that the designated minimum information is declared. This chapter also establishes that an importer may make a claim for preferential tariff treatment, based on a certification of origin completed by the exporter, producer, or importer **(Article 5.2)**.
- Provisions related to the issuance of proof or certification of origin are established. **(Article 5.3)**.
- Verifications of origin shall be carried out by the customs authority of the importing country, through requests for information or visits to plants, where the entire production process and related facilities may be observed **(Article 5.9)**.
- If importers fail to comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the origin of the goods, each country shall determine whether to apply a civil, criminal, or administrative sanction **(Article 5.13)**.