

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Post :**      **Technical Officer (Origin)**  
**Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate**

**Grade :**    **A3**

**Main functions**

As an experienced specialist in the field of origin matters, with thorough knowledge in the areas of non-preferential and preferential rules of origin, the incumbent will be expected to carry out the following duties :

- Advise on policy issues and complex technical matters relating to origin, both in the area of preferential and non-preferential origin, including the drafting of documents on such matters.
- Co-ordinate and analyse specific technical items for the WTO Committee on Rules of Origin (CRO) or the WCO Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO), including the preparation of documents for those items.
- Research and study questions under consideration, present and draft relevant documents, and prepare letters and reports on particular aspects of the Sub-Directorate's work.
- Lead comparative studies and analysis of different rules of origin legislation, working with Members, international organizations, the private sector, the CRO and the TCRO, to develop solutions for co-ordinating these areas.
- Initiate and lead projects on the proper development and use of the Database of Preferential Agreements and their Rules of Origin.
- Design materials for origin seminars and training courses supported by the WCO, and deliver training and technical assistance on all aspects of non-preferential and preferential origin, and the application of the technical aspects of the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin.
- Represent the WCO at meetings, in Customs administrations, in other international and regional organizations and/or in intergovernmental organizations with competence in the origin domain.
- Assist Members to implement and apply the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin and their preferential Rules of Origin, including researching and resolving complex technical issues raised by Members.
- Draft articles for WCO publications and those of other international organizations.
- Act as rapporteur in meetings of Committees, etc.

The person appointed will also be required to perform such other duties as may be assigned and may be subject to reassignment within the WCO Secretariat.

**Qualifications and requirements**

- Applicants for this position must have a university degree or equivalent professional qualification, comprehensive knowledge of the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin and at least five years' experience of practical issues relating to origin matters at the national level within their Customs administration.
- Applicants must be fluent in at least one of the WCO's official languages (English and French). Knowledge of another language (written and spoken) would be advantageous, with a knowledge of Spanish being particularly desirable.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills are essential.
- The candidate should have shown, either in the headquarters or the national centre for origin of a national administration or in an international organization, the capacity to assume responsibilities equivalent to those carried by the post offered.
- The candidate should have the background and experience to be able to :
  - work independently with limited personal supervision;
  - work effectively in small teams and groups;
  - respond flexibly to changes in priorities and requests for work; and
  - meet deadlines.
- It is a requirement to be able to interact appropriately and effectively with a wide range of people from across the WCO's global membership and from other international organizations, so excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a culturally diverse environment is essential.
- This role includes capacity building work and the candidate should have sound abilities in coaching, mentoring and training. This also requires the ability to identify problems and solutions and to be able to think and interact strategically and innovatively while exercising sound judgment.
- Research and analytical skills and the ability to write understandably on technical subjects are also key skills.
- Applicants are expected to be information technology (IT) literate.
- The successful candidate will be required to behave in a manner consistent with the WCO's values and Code of Conduct during their contract and applicants will be expected to have a work history consistent with such standards of behaviour.

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