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# The Origin of Goods – Implementing Change New Zealand Experience

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#### What is the purpose of a Free Trade Agreement?

- Liberalise & facilitate trade
- Eliminate tariffs
- Open new market opportunities
- Provide a framework for cooperation



**Rules of Origin** 

Successful or Not?

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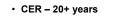


### **New Zealand Experience**

Only the Parties to the agreement are able to benefit from it

#### Rules should be:

- Simple / Robust
- Easy & economical to administer
- Business friendly
- Fair
- Consistant



- Singapore (ANZSCEP)
- All use RVC

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· Less / Least Developed





#### Change the rules to reflect trading environment

- · Less complex
- · Simplify accounting requirements
- Consistancy
- · Remove Xrates from the equation

#### **Business feedback**

#### **Compliance monitoring**



## NZTCEPA experience

- New rules easy to understand
- · Easier to acquire information
- Fairer to all business
- Consistant Once qualify, always qualify
- Customs no issues
  Simple classification of non-originating inputs



- · Develop new policies and procedural instructions
- · Amend legislation
  - Customs Act
  - Regulations
  - Tariff
- Prepare information material
- Inform traders
- Train Customs staff
- · Risk management verification



# Business Outreach

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#### Identify Interested Parties

Do they have a place in the verification

process?

- Traders
- Manufacturers
- Business associations
- Customs brokers

#### **Administration Experience**

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- Training
- · Monitoring / Verifying / Reporting
- · Targeted assistance to business



#### **Certificates of Origin**

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#### Summary

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#### The business community and Customs must understand

- · Objective of the agreement
- Rules of Origin & verification procedures
- · Administration of the agreement
- Communication

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