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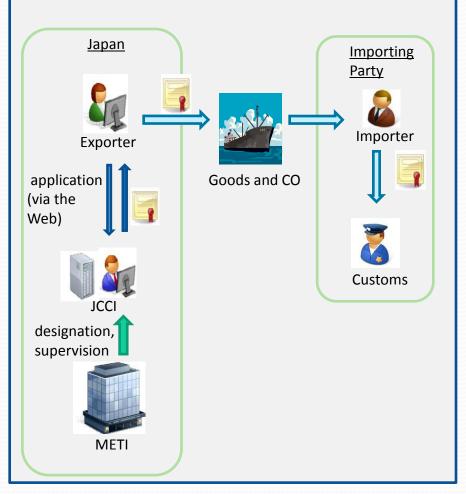
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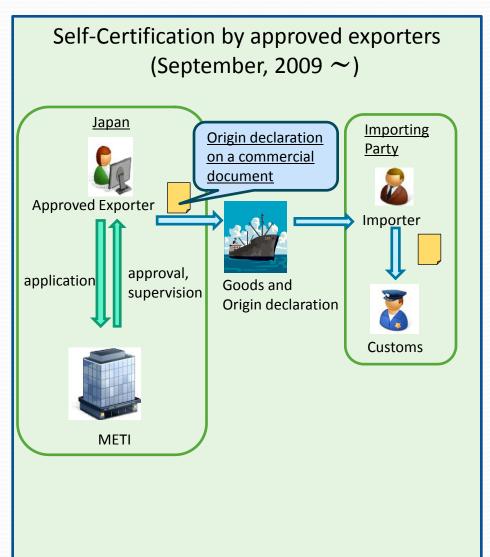
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System Overview

CO Issued by the JCCI (April, 2005~)







Advantages

- Shorter lead time than CO
- Less paperwork than CO
- No issuing fee
- Keep confidence to Origin Declarations (because of government approval)



Major Challenges

Setting approval criteria

- Workable
- Clear and simple
- Need improvement of users' compliance
 - Already approved exporters
 - Other exporters



Approval Criteria

Exporters with <u>"sufficient knowledge and competence for</u> <u>conducting operations of producing an origin declaration</u> <u>properly and reliably</u>" proved by facts such as

- obtaining preferential COs regularly
- having certification personnel (with certain experiences)
- having senior officials responsible for compliance, and
- presenting flow of entire certification process
- maintain close contact with METI/producer(if any)



Improving Compliance

1. Additional Obligations for Approved Exporters

In addition to preservation of documents proving originating status...

Recordkeeping of own declarations

e.g. date of issuance, HS code/name/volume of goods, invoice number, name and address of importer

Notification of noncompliance, major changes

e.g. lack of originating status or major errors in origin declarations, change of company name/address or goods to be exported

Renewal of approval (every 3 years)

Penalty, sanction (such as withdrawal of approval) applied against violations
METI can issue orders to report /make correction and conduct inspection

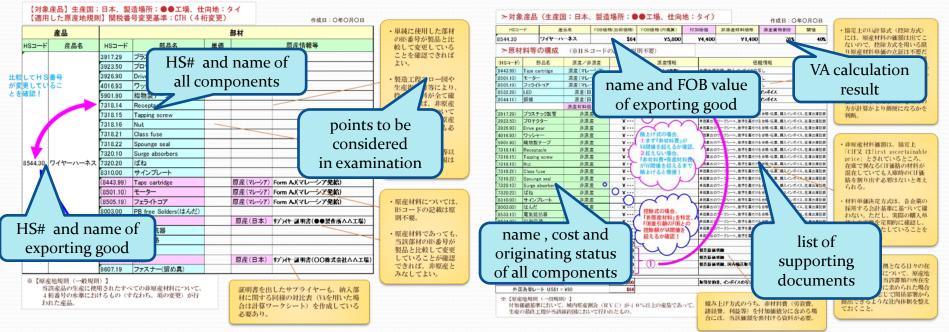


Improving Compliance (cont'd)

2. Guidelines for In-House Examination

- Contains examples of CTC/VA examination worksheet, list of available support documents, basic idea of ROO
- Several guidelines released (general, textile, chemical products)

Examples of worksheet for CTC/VA examination





Improving Compliance (cont'd)

3. Seminars on ROO (METI, JETRO and JCCI)

- All industries: biannual, mainly for new CO officials

basic idea about EPA/FTA, ROO, certification procedures

- Individual industries: on request

lectures vary with specific needs

4. EPA Advisors

- Provide general information
- Take specific inquiries

e.g. application of ROO, examination techniques

- Troubleshooting



Lessons Learned

Application: good opportunity to *review* own compliance

- Examination/certification process
 - (including organization, human resources)

Clear compliance requirements: make process *foreseeable*

- Ideas about "what should be done" and "to what extend"
- Guidelines, seminars... : useful way for improvement

Self-Cert system + supports from government



Make exporters more reliable



Thank you.