

Partner country

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Partner country attribution

- **Country of origin for import statistics**
- **Country of last known destination for export statistics**
- **Country of consignment, in addition**



Example: Export Canada to Mexico

- **Canada Export to Mexico via USA Ports**
- **Country of Final Destination: Mexico**
- **Country of Consignment: USA**
- **Country of Origin: Canada**

**However, Canadian exporters could assume
Country of Final Destination: USA**

Country Practice: China, Hong Kong SAR

HK offers assembling and testing for electronic toys in plastic casing

- **This is inward processing**

HK changes criteria country of origin if

- **Assembled in Hong Kong and**
- **Containing 25% Hong Kong cost content attributable to local component parts and labor**

If those criteria are not met, HK registers trade as re-export, otherwise export

Rules of Origin

‘Rules of origin as established by each country’:

- **‘wholly obtained’ in case only one country involved**
- **‘substantial transformation’ in other cases provide documentary evidence of origin direct consignment (required by several countries)**
- **cumulative origin (allowed by several countries under certain conditions)**

Momentary under review (harmonization) by

**‘Committee on Rules of Origin’ (WTO) and
‘Technical Committee on Rules of Origin’ (WCO)**



Thank you for your
attention

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