

What is a Certificate of Origin?

A Certificate of Origin (CO) is a vital international trade document attesting that goods in an export shipment are wholly obtained, produced, manufactured or processed in a particular country. To be valid, the CO must be signed by the exporter, and countersigned by a chamber of commerce.

Why do I need one?

The export commodity and its destination determine if a CO is required. The CO authenticates the merchandise's country of origin (where it was made). It all depends on the rules and regulations of the country where the shipment is going.

The Michigan Chamber provides *Certificate of Origin* (CO) services through an online portal that is secure, simple and fast. You can trust the Michigan Chamber to serve your export documentation needs.

Why should I use CertifyMichigan™?

- Electronic: No travel, or mail; Electronic notifications, receipts; Easily copy, edit, resubmit previous applications and rejections online
- **Trustworthy:** Ensures export compliance; processed by qualified Chamber staff; system identifies errors in advance
- User-Friendly: System takes you step-by-step for successful application
- As Needed: Simply pay as you use; no upfront fees; no training needed
- Fast Turnaround: Certified by Chamber staff and returned quickly
- Customer Support: Available by phone or email

What's Next?

- 1. Complete the enrollment form and email it to certify@michamber.com. Get the customized form from us (your local Chamber), so we get credit!
- 2. Once it's processed, you'll receive login information for the online portal.
- 3. Log in to complete a new CO application whenever you need one.
- 4. Requests are processed the same day if received by 3pm, unless the Chamber is closed (weekend, holiday, emergencies).
- 5. Receive an email when your CO has been processed at which time you can log in to print it off or resubmit it if you had missing information.





