



**United Nations
Conference
on Trade and
Development**

Distr.
GENERAL

TD/B/C.5/ORIGIN/173
25 July 2007

Original: ENGLISH

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Rules of origin

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

This document contains relevant extracts from a communication received from Djibouti:

“The Djibouti Ports and Free Zones is honoured and privileged to send you this letter in regard to the persons designated to sign the certificates of origin of the Free Zones companies.

“The Djibouti Free Zone started its operations back in June 2003 and the Government of the Republic of Djibouti did produce two Free Zone Acts which are Act. no. 53/AN/04/5eme L and Act. no. 103/AN/05/5eme L which defines the legal regime applicable inside the free zones in Djibouti as well as the principles of their operation where the Ports and Free Zones Authority is the sole Authority in charge of the administration and the control of the free zones according to these acts. The Art. 36 of the Act no. 53, mentions that the Ports and Free Zones Authority is the responsible authority for the issue of certificates of origin of the companies in the free zones.

“It is with great pleasure that we approach such International organization as yours in order to establish a business partnership by issuing certificate of origin for products with the label ‘MADE IN DJIBOUTI’ for products being exported from the Free Zones in Djibouti to the European Union, North America, and all other countries that do benefit from this preferential tariff.

“Please find enclosed all forms related to the issuance of these certificates and in return we kindly request from your good office to provide us with all pertaining documentation and additional forms we may require for this task.

“The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ports and Free Zones Authority, or his designee, Mrs. Zeinab Kamil Ali, Director Administration of the Ports and Free Zones Authority, is the person designated to sign the certificates of origin...”