

USMCA: highlights

International Trade and Customs





Entry into force

- Once the Canadian government ratifies the agreement, the three countries shall notify in writing, having finished their internal procedures
- The entry into force of the agreement shall be the first day of the third month following the last notification



Expiration and revisions

- The USMCA shall expire <u>16 years</u> after its entry into force; however, it could be renewed for an equal period of time
- There shall be a <u>joint review</u> no later than six years after its entry into force

New provisions regarding origin

Certification of origin



- The form for the certificate of origin is eliminated
- The certification of origin can be declared by the exporter, producer or <u>importer</u> (Mexico: transition period of 3.5 years) in a commercial document, by complying with certain minimum data elements

De minimis

Goods shall qualify as originating if the value of all non-originating materials used in production, that do not undergo a change in tariff classification, is not more than <u>10%</u> of the transaction value or total cost of the goods (NAFTA 7%).

Sets of goods and kits

A set or kit is originating if the value of all the non-originating goods in the set does not exceed 10% of the total value.

Remanufactured goods

A recovered material shall be treated as originating when used in a remanufactured good.

Automotive industry

(passenger vehicles and light trucks):

75%
Regional value content (net cost)

Originating

40%

and steel: 70%

Autoparts

(passenger vehicles and light trucks):

75%

Core parts (15 parts): drive axles, bodies for motor vehicles, engines, steering and suspension systems, chassis with engine, lithium batteries, among others.

70%

Principal parts (43 parts): brake system, air conditioning and cooling engine, exhaust, tires and wheels, seats and their parts, bumpers, fuel systems, among others.

65%

Complementary parts (28 parts): audio equipment, pipes, catalytic converters, locks, lighting, valves, locks, among others.



Chemical industry

- Greater flexibility and clarity in the applicable rules of origin
- Alternative rules were incorporated, related to compliance with certain chemical processes, such as: chemical reactions, purification, mixing, among others

Textile industry

- TPLs remain (certificates of eligibility) for clothes, fabrics and threads
- Stricter origin verifications
- Additional requirements: sewing thread, fabric for pockets and elastics must be originating

Other key topics



Sectoral annexes (Chapter 12)

Specific provisions (regulations, procedures, measures, labeling requirements, among others) are established regarding chemical substances, cosmetic products, information and communication technology, energy performance standards, medical devices and pharmaceuticals



Digital trade (Chapter 19)

- A digital trade chapter is added
- The parties shall not impose customs duties to digital products
- The parties are to look for methods to protect consumers and their privacy, as well as to cooperate in key aspects of cybersecurity



Amendment protocol

- Panels on labor, environment and dispute resolutions are established, as well as a rapid response labor panel
- Multilateral environmental agreements
- A transition period of 7 years is established regarding provisions on steel and 10 years for aluminum, applicable to the automotive industry



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