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## Numbering of Certificates of Origin from 1 October 2009

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to remind exporting Members that, since a new coffee year commences on 1 October 2009, the serial numbering of Certificates of Origin should begin at '1' on **1 October 2009** and proceed consecutively until 30 September 2010 **regardless of the final destination of the coffee – be it a Member or a non-member country.**
2. Details of the system of reference numbering for Certificates of Origin are given in paragraph 4 of Annex II-B of document EB-3775/01: Rules on Statistics — System of Certificates of Origin. However, Members should be reminded that document ICC-102-9, containing the new Rules on Certificates of Origin, was approved by the Council in March 2009. The new Rules will come into effect at the same time as the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) 2007.
3. Exporting Members are also reminded that, in accordance with Resolution 420, additional information in respect of the quality of the coffee is requested to be entered in Box 17 of each Certificate of Origin issued to cover coffee shipments. If the ICA 2007 comes into effect during coffee year 2009/10, exporting Members should note that additional information in respect of the quality of the coffee, its special characteristics (if any), the relevant Harmonised System (HS) code and the value of the shipment is requested to be entered on a voluntary basis in Box 17 of each Certificate of Origin issued to cover each shipment.
4. The Organization will endeavour to provide assistance with any requests received from exporting Members who may encounter internal difficulties in bringing the new Rules on Certificates of Origin into effect.
5. It would be appreciated if this information could be forwarded to all Certifying Agencies of all exporting Members as soon as possible.