



Gwinnett Chamber Offers Electronic Document Certification

Processing of Certificates of Origin now a streamlined online process

(GWINNETT – METRO ATLANTA GA) November 27, 2012 – The Gwinnett Chamber has launched eCertify, an automated web-based Certificate of Origin processing service, to make life easier for hundreds of exporters and freight forwarders.

The innovative new service, provided by global trade software company eCertify, is the first solution to eliminate the cumbersome manual processes of stamping and signing, and has been endorsed by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. Chambers have carried certification responsibility since 1923.

Certificates of Origin are mandatory to validate goods for export to most countries, however mailing or sending them via courier, or traveling to the chamber offices for manual processing has proven inefficient and costly. Through eCertify with the Gwinnett Chamber, exporters can submit their certificates electronically which will eliminate courier costs, reduce administration costs, reduce errors, improve turnaround time, and provide prompt notification of acceptance via the same electronic method.

“Our exporters and freight forwarders are looking for ways to increase efficiency, reduce time and speed up delivery when it comes to Certificates of Origin,” said Vince DeSilva, Sr. Vice President, Member Services, Gwinnett Chamber. “eCertify allows us to provide a proactive approach for an overall community beneficial service. This strategic process results in fewer manual processes and errors through user-friendly technology that takes just minutes, enabling exporters to increase profitability and gain a competitive advantage.”

Gwinnett Chamber members can sign up for eCertify for \$25 per certificate. The non-member price is \$75 per certificate. All certificates will be processed within 24 hours, between the hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

For more information, to take part in free webinars being arranged, or to register, go to the Certificate of Origin page at GCMemberDiscounts.com or contact Stephanie Sokenis at 678-672-2562 or Stephanie@gwinnettchamber.org.

eCertify was established in Adelaide, South Australia in 2004 to provide Chambers of Commerce, Authorizing exporters and freight forwarders an online solution for the processing of electronic certificates of origin and other trade documents that enables them to eliminate time consuming and inefficient manual paper-based processes. The company has successfully expanded operations to New Zealand, United States of America, Canada and Norway, where its platform has been adopted as the standard for the processing of electronic certificates of origin. More information is available on the Web at www.ecertify.com.

For information about the Gwinnett Chamber, its structure, programs or initiatives, visit the following websites:

www.gwinnettchamber.org

www.partnershipgwinnett.com

www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com

www.gwinnettchamberpublicpolicy.com.

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About the Gwinnett Chamber

The Gwinnett Chamber serves as the voice for businesses, creating and growing quality job opportunities while enhancing the community's vitality and quality of life. The Chamber offers the metro Atlanta business community a wealth of growth opportunity while collaborating with regional partners to drive economic and community development initiatives throughout Georgia. Through its fundamental objectives to create quality jobs and wealth, strengthen the community, and grow business, the Chamber serves more than 2,700 member companies in metro Atlanta while delivering solid programs and potential to connect businesses both regionally and globally.

