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## **Stamping of accompanying documents in commercial goods traffic to be abandoned**

For information: The duty to retain stamped accompanying documents ceased to apply for authorised consignees/authorised consignors in the spring of 2012. Moreover, the Federal Customs Administration decided in the autumn of 2013, within the framework of the project to revise customs clearance processes, that it is no longer mandatory for original certificates of origin to be submitted. This caused the stamping of accompanying documents to become even less significant.

The Federal Customs Administration has thus decided to refrain from stamping accompanying documents from **19.01.2015**. Upon presentation, customs offices will continue to stamp documents that invariably require a customs stamp because of special regulations or for identity assurance purposes (e.g. form 13.20 A, individual authorisations, issuing of EUR. 1 movement certificates).

Customs offices will reject requests from those subject to the declaration obligation to continue to stamp accompanying documents.