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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLIANCE GUIDANCE ON COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

While the Customs definition of Country of Origin can be dependent on a variety of factors, Illumina will generally define Country of Origin as follows:

Country of Origin is the country where an item was manufactured or produced or underwent a substantial transformation. A substantial transformation means a new and different item with a different name and function has been created as a result of manufacturing or processing.

Minor processing does not change Country of Origin. Examples of minor processing include: re-packaging, packing, cleaning, dilution, testing, painting, putting up in doses, repairs, sterilizing and simple assembly.

Country of Origin for kits will be defined as the origin of the item which gives the kit its essential character. If all items within the kit merit equal consideration, the item with the greatest value will determine origin. For kits where all items merit equal consideration and value, the location of final production will determine origin.

Kits are defined as at least 2 different items put together for retail sale to meet a particular need or carry out a specific activity.

Should you need further guidance please contact ILMN-Import@illumina.com

Kind regards,

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