

The Manual on the application of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Rules of Origin is an handbook which sets out guidelines on the operationalization of Annex 2 on Rules of Origin of the Protocol on Trade in goods of the AfCFTA Agreement. Foreseen by art. 42(f) of the [Annex 2 on Rules of Origin](#) , this manual was prioritized by the 8th Meeting of the AfCFTA Council of Ministers, held on 28 January 2022 in Accra, that decided to accelerate its completion.

Still in a draft version, the manual has now been made available by the Nigeria National Action Committee on AfCFTA on its [website](#) .

On 21 February 2022, the AfCFTA Secretariat organized a [virtual workshop](#) to share best practices and experiences on drafting operational manuals on rules of origin and by learning about the experiences of African RECs in drafting similar manuals (namely: COMESA, EAC, ECOWAS and SADC). The objective was to further improve the AfCFTA RoOs Manual before its formal adoption, so far not yet started.

The World Customs Organization, who was also [participating](#) to the workshop, gave a presentation on international standards for the drafting of tools and instruments on rules of origin, illustrating some practical cases concerning the application of international standards in drawing up these tools.