3rd WCO Global Origin Conference

The future of Rules of Origin

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Santiago, Chile

Administrative Circular

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1. PURPOSE

This document provides information on the arrangements and general information regarding the 3rd WCO Global Origin Conference, to be held on 07, 08 and 09 November 2023 in Santiago, Chile, hosted by the National Customs Service of Chile.

2. ABOUT SANTIAGO

Chile is located in the southwest coast of South America, between the high peaks of the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. It is one of the longest countries in the world and also one of the narrowest. It is approximately 4,300 kilometres long, while its average width is no more than 180 kilometres.

Chile extends from the Arica and Parinacota Region in the north, through the Atacama Desert -considered the driest desert in the world- the fertile valleys of the Central Zone, the wooded Los Lagos Region, the countless small southern islands and Patagonia, all the way to remote Tierra del Fuego. This explains why Chile has a desert climate in the north, a Mediterranean climate in the central zone, and a very cold climate in the south.

Its capital, Santiago, was chosen by the New York Times as one of the best destinations to visit in the world. It is a dynamic and modern metropolis located in the heart of the fertile Central Valley. The Chilean capital is a city with character, an intense nightlife and an attractive arts and culture scene.

For more information on tourism in Chile and in Santiago, see items 23 and 24 of this Circular.

3. CHILE CONTACTS

Any questions or general comments regarding the general coordination of this event should be sent to conferenciaorigen@aduana.cl.

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4. MEETING VENUE

The venue for the meetings of the Conference will be:

Hotel InterContinental de Santiago
Av. Vitacura 2885, Las Condes
Santiago
Web site : https://www.intercontisantiago.com/

5. ACCREDITATION PROCESS

The accreditation desk for the event will be in the lobby of the InterContinental Hotel in Santiago, on 07 November from 18:30 to 20:00 hrs., 08 November from 08:00 to 17:30 hrs., and 09 November from 08:30 to 12:00 hrs.

At this desk, delegates will be able to pick up their credentials and material for the Conference.

6. TIME ZONE

The Time zone of Chile is UTC/GMT-4 hours.

7. WEATHER

Being located in the central part of the country and having two mountain ranges, the Chilean capital has a temperate, almost Mediterranean climate. The temperature in the area can be very variable during the day, ranging from 8°C (minimum) to 23° (maximum), although it can increase even more during the month of November.

For more information, go to the following link: http://www.meteochile.gob.cl/PortalDMC-web/index.xhtml

8. PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

To enter Chile, attendees must present only their identification document, either identity card or passport.

Depending on the country of origin, the processing of a visa will also be required (Check the event website in the "Logistic Arrangement" section). If you are a citizen of South America, the European Union, the United States, Canada or Australia, you do not need a tourist Visa.

The processing of the Visa ("Transitional Stay Permit" - former tourist Visa) is done through the electronic platform SAC Ciudadano (https://tramites.minrel.gov.cl/) by completing the form and uploading the following required documentation to the system:

- Valid passport with a minimum of 06 months-validity
- Hotel reservation
- Invitation Letter, which will be provided by the National Customs Service of Chile
- Financial solvency (last three pay slips and/or bank statements)
- Colour photograph with white background, passport size (5x5 cm), full face

Note: *The Consul is empowered to request additional documents and a personal interview with the interested party, requesting that he/she presents all original documentation. The submission of the documents does not oblige the consular authority to grant the entry permit to Chile.*

If the application is approved, the Consulate will send you instructions for the payment of the permit, giving you 30 days to make it. Subsequently, a payment receipt will be sent.

The **electronic Visa** will be sent from the Mission's official e-mail to the personal e-mail address provided by the user. From that moment on, the user has 90 days to travel or enter the country. It is the obligation of the user to print the Permit and carry it with his/her passport when entering the country.

More information about the Visa can be found at the link: https://www.consulado.gob.cl/informacion-sobre-visas-para-ingresar-a-chile. In case of doubts, please contact the corresponding Chilean Consulate at the following link: https://www.consulado.gob.cl/redes/chile-en-el-mundo

In the case of Visas for diplomatic or official passports, please check the previous link.

Remember that if you are bringing animal or plant products into Chile, you must declare them to the Agriculture and Livestock Service (SAG).

It should be noted that, **by law, it is not possible to stay in the country or change immigration status after the event.** Likewise, no assistance will be provided for the issuance of intermediate Visas required for stopovers in other countries during the arrival and departure process.

9. BANKING OPERATIONS

The currency of Chile is the Chilean peso. Internationally recognized foreign currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks and currency exchange agencies. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops. Banks are open from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 14:00 hours.

The current exchange rate of the Chilean currency is approximately 808 Chilean pesos to one US dollar (average year 2023 until 24 May); The exchange rate varies daily.

Get information about payment methods and the exchange rate to the local currency at https://www.bcentral.cl/inicio, where you will find a currency converter. It is also recommended to exchange money in authorized agencies or banks, never on the streets.

10. ELECTRICITY

The electrical power is 220V with a frequency of 50 Hz. The types of plugs used are type C/L. (Type L: valid for plugs C) and (Type C: valid for plugs E and F)

Tipo C: Válido para clavijas E y F

Tipo L: Válido para clavijas C

11. HEALTH CARE

All delegates are advised to obtain medical insurance before travelling to Chile, especially with coverage for respiratory illnesses.

12. DRINKING WATER

Chile has potable water, so it is safe to drink anywhere. However, it is recommended to consume bottled water, which will be widely available.

13. SMOKING POLICY

In Chile, smoking is not allowed in public spaces, such as airports, shopping centres or hotels. Some restaurants may have special smoking areas.

14. TIPS

In Chile, while tipping is voluntary, it is still considered to leave a tip of 10% of the total bill. Most restaurants, bars and cafés will offer a suggested final price at the end of the bill with the tip incorporated. Customers have the option of paying the original amount or the suggested final price. If the bill does not include a suggested final price with an additional 10%, it is expected to include it when paying.

15. DRESS CODE

Participants are advised to wear semi-formal and comfortable clothing, given that in November, Chile will be in spring, and as the day progresses there may be hot moments during the day.

16. LANGUAGE

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be available during the main sessions of the programme.

17. INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access via Wi-Fi network will be available to participants at the Conference venue.

18. CATERING

The organisers of the 3rd Global Origin Conference will provide the following food for all delegates at the InterContinental Hotel:

- Tuesday 7 November: welcome cocktail.
- Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 November: coffee breaks (am and pm) and lunches.

(times and details will be communicated in due course).

19. AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND TRANSPORT

It is the responsibility of each delegate to arrange their own transportation from Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport in Santiago to the accomodation place. Notwithstanding, before leaving the Airport, there will be a duly indicated meeting point where bilingual Customs personnel will deliver guidance related with transportation options.

In the following web pages you may find information on oficial taxis and transfers offered by Santiago International Airport:

https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=taxis

https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=transfer

20. POSTAL SERVICE

Post offices in Chile are open from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 18:00 hrs. and on Saturdays from 09:30 to 13:00 hrs.

21. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency services: 131

Firemen: 132

Police: 133 (Carabineros)

22. HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL DE SANTIAGO

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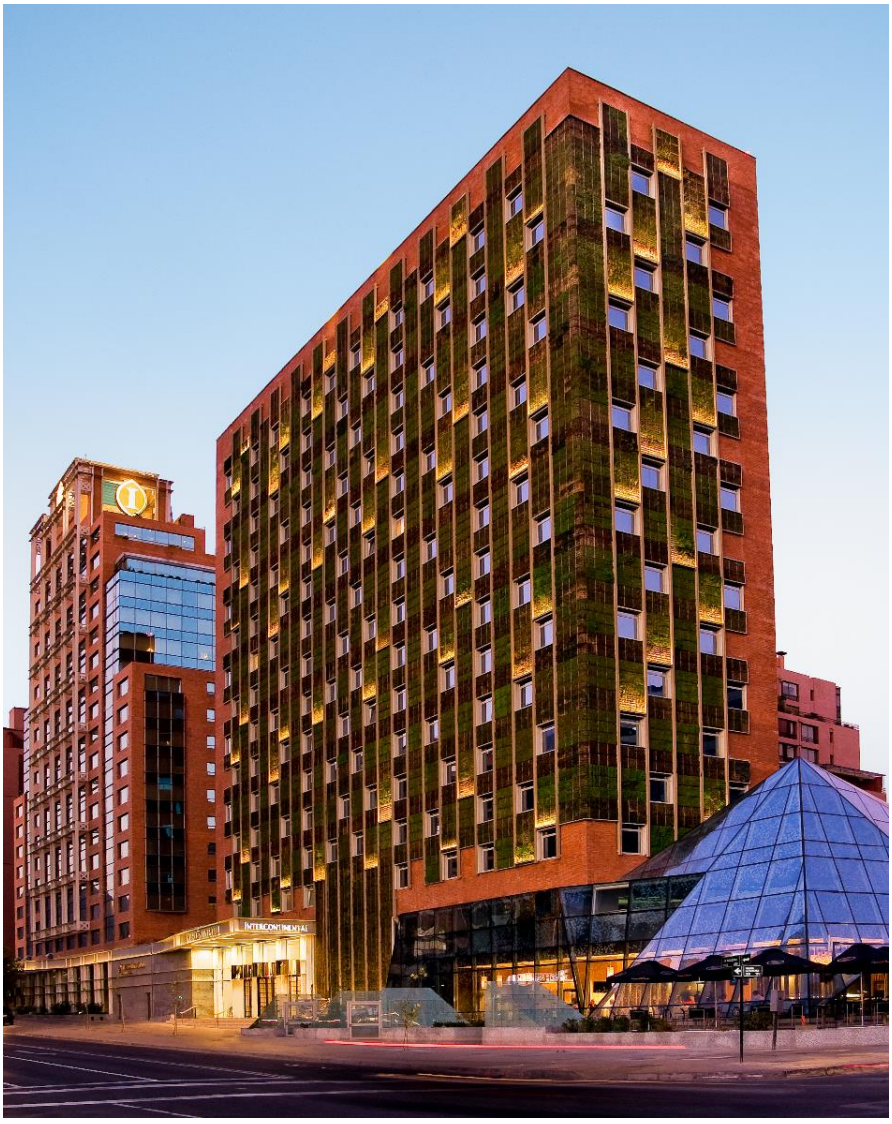


HOTEL FACILITIES

- **Las Americas Hall**

The Conference sessions will be held on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 November in the Las Americas hall of the InterContinental Hotel in Santiago.

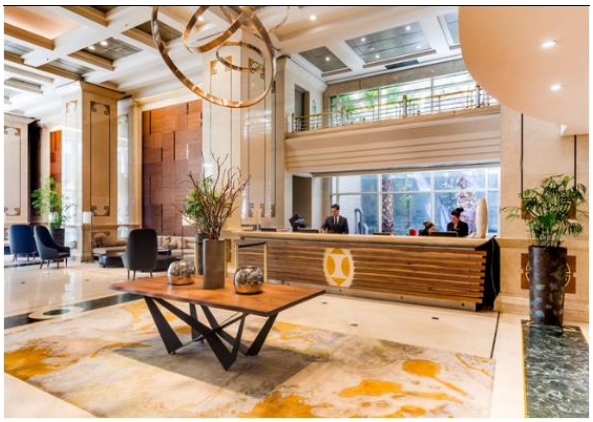
- **Los Volcanes Hall**

The welcome cocktail on Tuesday 7 November, business talks, coffee AM and PM and lunches on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 November will be held in Los Volcanes Hall of the InterContinental Hotel in Santiago.

- **Foyer Las Americas Hall**

During the 8 and 9 November, stands of the sponsors of the event, companies and services of interest for the participants will be available in the Foyer of Las Americas Hall of the InterContinental Hotel in Santiago.

- **Accreditation**



Accreditation will take place in the InterContinental Hotel foyer in Santiago.

NEARBY ACCOMMODATION

Below is a list of hotels available for participants' accommodation, which are located within a 1-kilometre radius of the Intercontinental Hotel (the official event hotel):

Hotel	Distance from the event	Website
Holiday Inn Express Santiago Las Condes	94 mts	https://www.holidayinnexpress.cl/
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Santiago-Vitacura	300 mts	https://www.hilton.com/en/brands/doubletree-by-hilton/
Hotel Plaza el Bosque Ebro	300 mts	https://www.plazaelbosque.cl/
Hotel NH Collection Plaza Santiago	450 mts	https://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-collection-plaza-santiago
Hotel W Santiago	600 mts	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sclwh-w-santiago/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0
AC Hotel by Marriott Santiago Costanera Center	600 mts	https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/sclac-ac-hotel-santiago-costanera-center/overview/
Pullman Santiago El Bosque	650 mts	https://all.accor.com/hotel/B461/index.es.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps
Pullman Santiago Vitacura	900 mts	https://all.accor.com/ssr/app/accor/rates/B470/index.es.shtml?compositions=1&stayplus=false&snu=false&accessibleRooms=false
The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago	1000 mts	https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/sclrz-the-ritz-carlton-santiago/overview/
Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia	1000 mts	https://www.dahoteles.com/es/da-providencia
Novotel Santiago Providencia	1000 mts	https://all.accor.com/hotel/A092/index.es.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

It is recommended to book accommodation as early as possible to ensure availability and the best price, especially considering that Santiago will host the 2023 Pan American Games in October and the 2023 ParaPan American Games in November.

For more information on hotels, tourist services and transport, check the website https://serviciosturisticos.sernatur.cl/

23. TOURISM IN CHILE

North And Atacama Desert

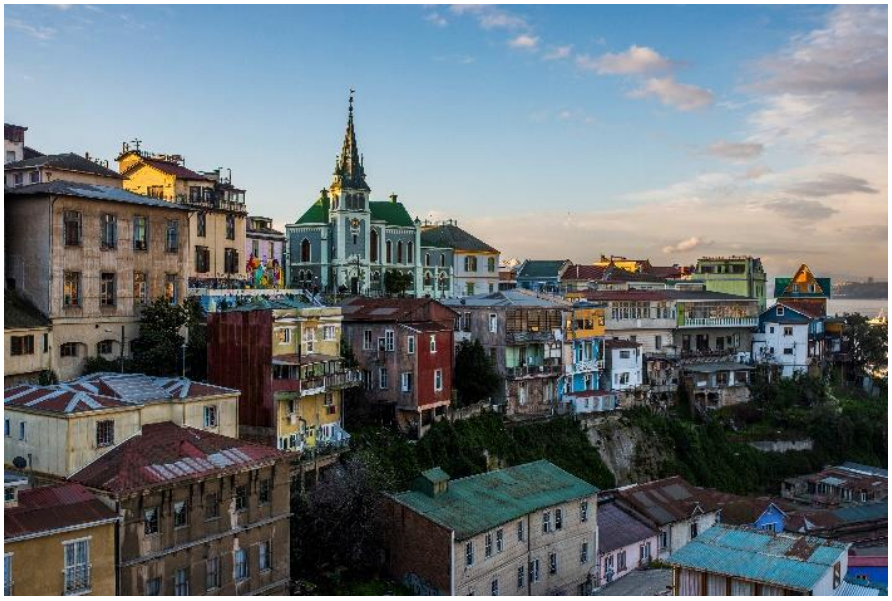
Far from being lifeless, the Atacama Desert is an area abundant in energy, thanks to its friendly ancestral cultures and oasis that are a source of life in the driest desert in the world.

Visit San Pedro de Atacama and explore unique landscapes in the world. Salt flats, geysers and lagoons of an intense blue colour are some of the places that will amaze you.

Embark on a journey through the stars, learning more about the stars and constellations at one of the many astronomical observatories in the northern part of the country.

To find out more about the main destinations in the North, visit the following website: https://www.chile.travel/donde-ir/macrozona/norte-y-desierto-de-atacama/

Downtown and Valparaíso



Lose yourself in the hills of the port city of Valparaíso for a unique experience and then cool yourself off on the beaches of Viña del Mar or Reñaca.

And, of course, don't miss the opportunity to discover the valleys that give life to some of the best red and white wines in the world!

To find out more about the main destinations in the Central zone, visit the following website: https://www.chile.travel/donde-ir/macrozona/centro-santiago-y-valparaiso/

Rapa Nui

An ancestral culture unique in the world, where the mysterious culture of the Rapa Nui people pervades the whole island and gives life to one of the most emblematic destinations in the world. Its archaeological wealth, its volcanoes and grasslands that contain representations of civilisation through the Moais are just some of its main attractions.

To find out about the main attractions on Rapa Nui, visit the following website: https://www.chile.travel/donde-ir/macrozona/rapa-nui/

South, Lakes And Volcanoes

In this area the Mapuche culture is the protagonist, where you can share its traditions by sleeping in a ruca or tasting the typical dishes of the area.

If you like the snow, ski in the middle of ancient forests and take the opportunity to relax your body in one of the thermal centres located in the middle of inspiring natural landscapes.

You can also practice water sports on lakes and rivers, enjoy a day's fishing or explore the varied flora and fauna in the national parks and natural reserves.

To find out more about the main destinations in the South, visit the following website: https://www.chile.travel/donde-ir/macrozona/sur-lagos-y-volcanes/

Patagonia And Antarctica

Amidst the cinematic landscapes you can discover pioneer towns and villages, where you can breathe a history of cattle ranching and the gaucho style of Patagonia. Drive or cycle the Carretera Austral to marvel at the best of northern Patagonia.

If you are passionate about trekking, Torres del Paine is your north: forests, hills, waterfalls, lakes and privileged views of the Southern Patagonian Ice Field will be part of your experience.

Sail through the fjords and channels to reach Cape Horn, the continent's southernmost point, or go further afield to Antarctica, a scientific and ecological treasure not to be missed.

To find out more about the main destinations in the South, visit the following website https://www.chile.travel/donde-ir/macrozona/patagonia-y-antartica/

24. TOURISM IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

The best way to get to know a city is to walk through its streets. Santiago has many neighbourhoods that originated from different forms of social interaction and the public space has given life to something that goes beyond a simple set of houses, streets and trees.

Some of these neighbourhoods offer a high architectural quality and have become icons of the city, such as Barrio Italia, Lastarria and Sky Costanera. Las Condes, Vitacura and Providencia are home to much of the city's retail and luxury shopping.

A few kilometres from the city and with great connectivity, there are extensive beaches, world-class ski resorts, wine routes, trekking trails and cycling circuits. All these activities make Santiago a destination with multiple alternatives from tourism.

Santiago of Chile is characterised for being the only capital of the "new world" with a wine-growing activity. It is located in the Maipo Valley and offers the possibility of visiting more than 30 vineyards open to tourism just a few minutes from the city centre.

In the centennial wineries of the Maipo Valley, history converges with modernity and the city finds a comfortable pause. Its geography of contrasts offers visitors the opportunity to discover some of Chile's most traditional vineyards. Its classic reds and vines framed by the majestic Andes Mountains are also its hallmark. Some of the activities you can do in the vineyards are:

- Visits to wineries with talks on winemaking processes
- Wine tasting and wine shopping
- Carriage ride through the vineyard garden
- Bicycle tours through the vineyards
- Visit to the Wine Museum

- Events and dinners in large halls

Santiago stands out for being less than an hour and a half away from the biggest and best ski resorts in the southern hemisphere, modern facilities and world-class services, added to the wine offer and the best of gastronomy. The perfect mix to welcome thousands of visitors who come every year in search of relaxation in the mountains and turn it into a great attraction of the capital. Some of the activities that can be done around the mountain range are the following:

- Horseback Riding
- Trekking
- Rafting
- Canopy
- Mountain climbing
- Snow activities
- Ski resorts
- Hot springs
- Astrotourism

For more information, visit https://www.chile.travel