

## **TEAM TRIUMPHANT**

The International Trade Department at the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce are celebrating passing another mandatory inspection of their work by an external body, as part of the requirement that every four years Chambers of Commerce authorised and licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to issue documentation have to be inspected by an approved representative of the Certification and International Trade Committee (CITC).

Chambers of Commerce are the only bodies authorised to issue European Community Certificates of Origin at this time.

The types of documents inspected include the European Community Certificates of Origin, the Arab-British Certificate of Origin, their related documentation and all documentation issued on behalf of HM Revenue and Customs (EUR1 Certificates and A.TR Certificates).

The inspection took one day and examined aspects of the documentation process, records and procedures.

The Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce is used to providing documentation to businesses to enable them to export their goods/services quickly and efficiently throughout the world and prides itself on its professionalism in this field. From publications to training to business trips the team behind the department have been able to provide the required support and this was reflected in passing the inspection.

Although, the Chamber of Commerce has passed the inspection, the staff are not complacent and keep up to date with training. In October, two of the managers responsible for International Trade documentation attended a compulsory training to this end. The refresher training session for documentation enabled these managers to renew their own certificates to issue and sign documentation as representatives of the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce's International team visit the website [www.soton-chamber.co.uk](http://www.soton-chamber.co.uk)