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Committee on Rules of Origin

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN

A. Non-preferential rules of origin

1. Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that each Member shall provide to the Secretariat, within 90 days after the date entry in to force of the WTO Agreement for it, its rules of origin, judicial decisions and administrative rulings of general application relating to rules of origin in effect on that date. If by inadvertence a rule of origin has not been provided, the Member concerned shall provide it immediately after this fact becomes known. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to the Members by the Secretariat.

2. Article 5.2 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin provides that during the period referred to in Article 2, Members introducing modifications, other than *de minimis* modifications, to their rules of origin or introducing new rules of origin, which, for the purpose of the Article, shall include any rule of origin referred to in paragraph 1 and not provided to the Secretariat, shall publish a notice to that effect at least 60 days before the entry into force of the modified or new rule in such a manner as to enable interested parties to become acquainted with the intention to modify a rule of origin or to introduce a new rule of origin, unless exceptional circumstances arise or threaten to arise for a Member. In these exceptional cases, the Member shall publish the modified or new rule as soon as possible.

3. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. Further notifications have been received as follows:¹

ARGENTINA

(Notification in Spanish)

Resolution 763/96 of the Ministry of the Economy, Works and Public Services on "Clearance Procedure for Certain Transactions Concerning Definitive Import for Consumption (certificates of origin)".

EL SALVADOR

(Notification in Spanish)

El Salvador does not have nor apply any non-preferential rules of origin.

¹The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

HONG KONG

(Notification in English)

Administrative Origin Rulings for Specified Products for the Purpose of Applying Hong Kong Origin Certificates which take effect on 1 July 1996. It replaces the appendix of Hong Kong's earlier notification dated 31 March 1995.²

NICARAGUA

(Notification in Spanish)

Nicaragua does not have any judicial provision or administrative ruling of general application relating to non-preferential rules of origin, therefore, none are applied.

SENEGAL

(Notification in French)

The non-preferential rules of origin defined in Article 14 of Law 87-47 of 21 December 1987, on the customs code.

VENEZUELA

(Notification in Spanish)

Joint Resolution Nos. 321 and 3055, dated 25 January 1996, of the Ministries of Development and Finance of Venezuela³, respectively, making it compulsory for importers of goods similar to products subject to anti-dumping measures or countervailing duties to certify the origin of these products. This Resolution was published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Republic of Venezuela on 13 May 1996 and will enter into effect on 15 July 1996.

B. Preferential rules of origin

1. Paragraph 4 on Annex II of the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that Members shall provide to the Secretariat promptly their preferential rules of origin, including a listing of the preferential arrangements to which they apply, judicial decisions, and administrative rulings of general application relating to their preferential rules of origin in effect on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for the Member concerned. Members shall provide any modifications to their preferential rules of origin or new preferential rules of origin as soon as possible to the Secretariat. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to Members by the Secretariat.

2. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. Further notifications have been received as follows:⁴

²Hong Kong's notification of non-preferential rules of origin is contained in document G/RO/N/1/Add.1.

³Venezuela's notification of non-preferential rules of origin is contained in document G/RO/N/1/Add.1.

⁴The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

ARGENTINA

(Notification in Spanish)

Resolution 763/96 of the Ministry of the Economy, Works and Public Services on "Clearance Procedure for Certain Transactions Concerning Definitive Import for Consumption (certificates of origin)".

EL SALVADOR

(Notification in Spanish)

Central American Rules of Origin of Goods.

HONDURAS

(Notification in Spanish)

Further to the notification circulated in document G/RO/N/3, Honduras has transmitted the new Central American Rules of Origin of Goods.

NICARAGUA

(Notification in Spanish)

The Central American Rules of Origin of Goods appeared in the Official Journal (*Diario Oficial*) of the Republic of Nicaragua, No. 242 of 26 December 1995, and entered into effect on 1 January 1996; they include preferential rules of origin that apply exclusively to countries in the Central American region.

SENEGAL

(Notification in French)

- Treaty on the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and its additional protocol.
- Treaty on the West African Economic and Monetary Union and its additional protocol, which include the establishment of a customs union among member countries.
- Lomé Convention and its additional act.