

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

LATVIA

(Notification in English)

Article 162 of Customs Law.

QATAR

(Notification in English)

- Customs Code No. 5 of 1998; and
- Decision of the acting Minister of Finance and Oil No. 2 of 1991.

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

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

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:²

LATVIA

(Notification in English)

- Article 163 of Customs Law.

- Latvia is a member of the European cumulation of origin notified by the EC in the document G/RO/N/23. The following free trade agreements are covered by the European cumulation:

Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and EC;
Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and EFTA;
Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and the Czech Republic;
Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Slovenia;
Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Slovakia; and
Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Poland.

- Latvia is notifying the Committee on Rules of Origin of the following rules of origin contained in:

Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Latvia and Ukraine. Protocol A “Concerning the definition of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation” issued on 16 May 1996 – Official publication (“Latvijas Vestnesis” 04.05.1996); and

Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania. Protocol A “Concerning the definition of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation” issued on 17 October 1996 – Official publication (“Latvijas Vestnesis” 05.11.1996) and Amendments Resolution 1/98 issued on 22 December 1998 – Official publication (“Latvijas Vestnesis” 30.12.1998).

QATAR

(Notification in English)

- Customs Code No. 5 of 1998; and
- Decision of the acting Minister of Finance and Oil No. 2 of 1991.

²The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).