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Committee on Rules of Origin

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 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 provides that each Member shall provide to the Secretariat, within 90 days after the date of entry into 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. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. As of 27 October 1995, further notifications have been received as follows¹:

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

(Notification in English)

Brunei Darussalam has no existing laws, regulations, judicial decisions or administrative rulings of general application relating to non-preferential rules of origin as of the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement.

ICELAND

(Notification in English)

Iceland does not at present maintain non-preferential rules of origin.²

PERU

(Notification in Spanish - under Article 5.2 of the Agreement)

Supreme Decree No. 21-95-ITINCI, effective 6 August 1995: Rules for the determination of origin of imported products for the application of anti-dumping and/or countervailing duties.

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

²Law No. 87/1995 grants the Minister of Finance specific authorization to issue a regulation on non-preferential rules of origin, but this will probably not be done before the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin concludes its work on the harmonization of non-preferential rules of origin in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Agreement.

SLOVENIA³

(Notification in English)

- Decree of the Federal Secretary of Finance of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (published in the Official Gazette of the SFRY No. 41/79).
- Articles 3 to 8 of the Decree of the Minister for Economic Relations and Development of the Republic of Slovenia (published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 18/93).

B. Preferential rules of origin

1. Paragraph 4 of Annex II of the Agreement on Rules of Origin provides 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 with the Secretariat shall be circulated to the Members by the Secretariat.

2. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. As of 27 October 1995, further notifications have been received as follows⁴:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

(Notification in Spanish)

The only rules of origin in force in the Dominican Republic are in the Trade Agreement with Costa Rica, enacted by the National Congress on 14 July 1982, establishing that the 51 products on the list of the Agreement must comply with the following rules:

- (a) products grown or wholly produced or manufactured in the country concerned; and
- (b) manufactured products with imported inputs with a national added value not less than 35 per cent of the value of the article.

SLOVENIA³

(Notification in English)

- Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the Czech Republic (Official Gazette, No. 44/95): Protocol on Origin.
- Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic (Official Gazette No. 46/95): Protocol on Origin.

³On 1 January 1996, the new comprehensive customs legislation of Slovenia shall enter into force via basic Customs Law as well as all necessary implementing regulations. The regulation on criteria for determination and method of proving origin of goods shall also stipulate non-preferential rules of origin. The new legislation concerning preferential and non-preferential rules of origin shall be notified to the Secretariat before its enforcement.

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

- Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Hungary (Official Gazette No. 49/95): Protocol on Origin.
- Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Poland (signed on 17 July 1995; provisional application with effect from 1 January 1996): Protocol on Origin.
- Agreement between the EFTA States and the Republic of Slovenia (signed on 13 June 1995, provisionally applied since 1 July 1995): Protocol on Origin.
- Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette No. 47/93): Protocol on Origin.
- Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette No. 25/92): Articles 3 and 4.

URUGUAY

(Notification in Spanish)

See also CARTAGENA AGREEMENT (G/RO/N/1/Add.1)

- General regime of rules of origin of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) (Resolution 78 and Agreement 91 of the Committee of Representatives)
- Rules of origin regime of the Agreement of Partial Scope and the rules of origin regime of MERCOSUR.