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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 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. 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 this 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

SLOVENIA

(Notification in English)

- Articles 12 to 14 of the Customs Law.²
- Articles 3 to 15, and Supplements 1 to 3 of the Decree on the criteria for determining and the method of proving the origin of goods.³

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

²On 1 January 1996 the new Customs Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 1/95 and 28/95) that has entered into force on 25 January 1995 shall commence to apply.

³By enforcing this Decree (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 56/95) the following regulations shall be repealed:

- Decree on proving the origin of goods (Official Gazette of the SFRY No. 41/79)
- Articles 3 to 8 of the Decree on issuing certificates and verification of documents accompanying products in export or import (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 18/93)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

(Notification in English)

Trinidad and Tobago does not maintain any non-preferential rules of origin.

TUNISIA

(Notification in French)

- Article 25 of the Customs Law.
- Decree of the Ministry of Finance of 29 December 1955 relating to the taxation of goods obtained in a third country, using materials originating in other countries.

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 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

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF

(Notification in English)

- Bangkok Agreement.
- Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP).

SLOVENIA

(Notification in English)

- Articles 12 to 14 of the Customs Law.²
- Articles 16 to 19 of the Decree on the criteria for determining and the method of proving the origin of goods.
- Central European Free Trade Agreement⁵: L/7495/Add.1.

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

⁵As from 1 January 1996 the Republic of Slovenia shall, in trade with CEFTA State Parties, apply Protocol 7 of the CEFTA Agreement. Preferential rules of origin related to the free trade agreements concluded by the Republic of Slovenia and the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Hungary and the Republic of Poland as listed in document G/RO/N/5 shall cease to apply.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

(Notification in English)

- Treaty of Chaguaramas (rules of origin for goods originating from member states of the Caribbean Community).

TUNISIA

(Notification in French)

Rules of origin relating to the following bilateral agreements concluded by Tunisia have been notified:

<u>Countries with which a bilateral agreement was concluded</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Algeria	9 January 1981
- Libya	12 October 1992
- Morocco	30 April 1986
- Mauritania	26 July 1987
- Niger	2 June 1992
- Bahrain	24 October 1988
- Syria	22 May 1977
- Egypt	8 December 1989
- Saudi Arabia	9 March 1988
- United Arab Emirates	5 August 1974
- Burkina Faso	7 January 1993