

**Committee on Rules of Origin**

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

Preferential 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 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 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. A further notification has been received as follows:<sup>1</sup>

TOGO  
(Notification in French)

As Togo is a member of the WAEMU customs union, it also uses the WAEMU rules of origin (which came into effect on 1 January 2003) for non-preferential treatment purposes.

**B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

1. Paragraph 4 of Annex II to 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

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. A further notification has been received as follows:

TOGO  
(Notification in French)

Under the WAEMU rules of origin, which came into effect on 1 January 2003 and have been incorporated in full by ECOWAS, products originating in WAEMU/ECOWAS are products that are wholly obtained or that have undergone sufficient working or processing in a member State (with the exception of products manufactured in free zones or under suspensive customs procedures). Local unprocessed products and traditional handicrafts, as well as products of which at least 60 per cent of the raw material inputs comes from WAEMU/ECOWAS, are also regarded as originating in WAEMU/ECOWAS.

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