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# NOTIFICATION 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 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. A further notification has been received<sup>1</sup>:

### THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

(Notification in English)

The Republic of Rwanda maintains the non-preferential rules of origin as defined by the Article 48 of the COMESA Treaty and Article 75 EAC Treaty and details in Protocol-Customs Union protocol (Article 14 Annex III).

#### 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. 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<sup>2</sup>:

THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA (Notification in English)

<sup>1</sup> The notifications are available for consultations in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

The Republic of Rwanda, having acceded to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in 1993 and East African Community (EAC) in 1 July 2007, became a full member of COMESA FTA in 2004, applies the preferential rules of origin for COMESA and EAC.