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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 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

NORWAY

(Notification in Norwegian)

- Norwegian regulation on the implementation of import regulations of 1 November 1983 pursuant to Act No. 29 of 13 December 1946.

POLAND

(Notification in English)

Article 2.14 of the Customs Law.

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

TURKEY²

(Notification in English)

- Article 67 of Turkish Customs Law.
- Articles 261 -270 of the Customs Regulation.

B. Preferential rules of origin

1. Paragraph 4 of 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 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:³

CANADA

(Notification in French and English)

Technical Rectifications and 1996 Amendments to the Rules of Origin of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).⁴ These changes affect Annex 401, Table 308.1.1 of Annex 308.1 and Annex 403.1 of the NAFTA.

JAPAN

(Notification in Japanese with provisional translation into English)

Modifications to Article numbers:

Cabinet Order for Enforcement of the Temporary Tariff Measures Law.⁵ Articles 22-7, 22-8, 22-9, 22-10, 22-11, 22-12, 22-15 and 22-17 of the above Cabinet Order have become Articles 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58 and 60 respectively since the entry into force of the WTO Agreement for Japan.

NORWAY

(Notification in English)

Preferential rules of origin are applied for the arrangements listed below (the relevant Proposition to the Storting⁶ (No. and year) and date of entry into force are given in parentheses):

²Turkish rules of origin will be harmonized by taking into account the EU rules of origin in the context of the Customs Union between Turkey and the EU.

³The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

⁴Canada's notification of rules of origin of the NAFTA is contained in document G/RO/N/1/Add.1.

⁵Japan's notification of this Cabinet Order is contained in document G/RO/N/6.

⁶The Norwegian Parliament.

- The European Economic Area Agreement (No. 100 of 1991/92; 1.1.94)
- The EFTA Convention (No. 75 of 1959/60; 1.7.73)
- The Free Trade Agreement EC-Norway (No. 126 of 1972/73; 1.7.73)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Turkey (No. 62 of 1991/92; 15.4.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Czech Republic (No. 85 of 1991/92; 1.7.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Slovak Republic (No. 85 of 1991/92; 1.7.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Israel (No. 6 of 1992/93; 1.1.93) - covering also Gaza and the West Bank
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Romania (No. 59 of 1992/93; 1.7.93)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Bulgaria (No. 98 of 1992/93; 1.7.93)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Hungary (No. 75 of 1992/93; 1.10.93)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Poland (No. 41 of 1992/93; 15.11.93)
- The Free Trade Agreement EFTA-Slovenia (No. 57 of 1994/95; 1.7.95)
- The Free Trade Agreement Norway-Estonia (No. 85 of 1992/93; 1.7.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement Norway-Latvia (No. 85 of 1992/93; 1.7.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement Norway-Lithuania (No. 85 of 1992/93; 1.7.92)
- The Free Trade Agreement Norway-The Faroe Islands (No. 49 of 1992/93; 1.9.92)
- The Generalized System of Preferences (Royal Decree of 3 September 1971)

Goods originating in Greenland can be imported free of duty. The rules of origin are identical to those of the EFTA Convention (Agreement of 21 December 1984).

POLAND

(Notification in English)

Preferential rules of origin relating to the free trade agreements concluded by the Republic of Poland have been notified as follows:

- EC/RP Agreement, Protocol 4 on rules of origin: L/6992/Add.1 (Polish Journal of Laws No. 11/94, item 38).
- EFTA/RP Agreement, Protocol B: L/7372/Add.1 (Polish Journal of Laws No. 129/94, item 638).
- Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) concluded by the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland and the Slovak Republic; the Republic of Slovenia has joined the Agreement, on a provisional basis, as of 1 January 1996: L/7495/Add.1 (Polish Journal of Laws No. 129/94, item 637).

TURKEY⁷

(Notification in English)

- Articles 67 and 67/a of Turkish Customs Law.
- Articles 261-270 of the Customs Regulation.

⁷Turkish rules of origin will be harmonized by taking into account the EU rules of origin in the context of the Customs Union between Turkey and the EU.

- Agreements in which preferential tariff measures and rules of origin are contained are as follows:
 - Agreement between the EFTA States and Turkey, done at Geneva on 10 December 1991; Protocol B of the Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of "Originating Products" and methods of administrative cooperation.
 - Protocol on Preferential Tariffs, and Additional Protocol of Preferential Tariffs, among Turkey, Pakistan and Iran, members of Economic Cooperation Organization, done at Tehran on 23 May 1991 and on 17 February 1992 respectively; origin requirements and customs house procedure on importation of goods claiming preferential tariff treatment among ECO countries.