

Committee on Rules of Origin

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 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 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 received¹:

ZIMBABWE

(Notification in English)

Zimbabwe informs WTO Members about Section 88 of the Customs and Excise Act (Chapter 23:02) which provides for the determination of the country of origin for non-preferential purposes. The Act provides that the country of origin of any manufactured goods shall be the country in which the last process of manufacture has been performed.

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