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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

BOLIVIA

(Notification in Spanish)

Bolivia does not have any judicial decisions or administrative rulings of general application relating to non-preferential rules of origin.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

(Notification in Spanish)

The Dominican Republic does not have any non-preferential rules of origin.

KENYA

(Notification in English)

Kenya has not developed any rules of origin, and there have been no judicial decisions or other administrative rulings in this regard. ./.

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

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:²

CANADA

(Notification in French and English)

Amendments to the Canadian NAFTA Rules of Origin Regulations.³ These changes affect Schedule I of the NAFTA Rules of Origin Regulations.

KENYA

(Notification in English)

- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).⁴

PERU

(Notification in Spanish)

- Peru is participating in the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries (GSTP).

²The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

³Canada's notification of rules of origin of the NAFTA is contained in documents G/RO/N/1/Add.1 and 8.

⁴Kenya acceded to the COMESA in December 1994 and applies preferential rules of origin for intra-COMESA trade.