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Committee on Rules of Origin

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

NON-PREFERENTIAL AND PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1.   According to Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin, 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. Article 5.2 of the Agreement provides, moreover, 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, 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.

2.   Furthermore, paragraph 4 of Annex II to the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that Members shall promptly provide to the Secretariat their existing or new 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 this respect, the Committee on Rules of Origin further agreed that notifications made to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) or the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) could also suffice to discharge Members' notification obligations under the Agreement on Rules of Origin (G/RO/M/59). As a result, the Committee agreed that notifications which had been initially received by the CRTA or the CTD should also be circulated by the Secretariat to the CRO. Information regarding such notifications, including related to preferential rules of origin, can also be obtained through the WTO database on regional trade agreements (http://rtais.wto.org) or the WTO database on preferential trade agreements (http://ptadb.wto.org).

3.   With reference to these rules, the following notification has been received:

CUBA

(Notification in Spanish)

A.   NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN[1]

-       Joint Resolution No. 4-97 of the Ministry of Finance and Prices (MFP) and the Ministry of Foreign Trade (MINCEX), dated 23 January 1997.

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[1] A copy of the legislation enumerated in this Section is available for consultation at the Secretariat.

B.   PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN[2]

1.   The preferential rules of origin included in the following agreements concluded within the framework of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA):

-    Partial Scope Economic Complementarity Agreements signed with MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela;
-    Partial Scope Agreements signed with Guatemala, El Salvador and CARICOM, pursuant to Article 25 of the 1980 Treaty of Montevideo;
-    Regional Agreement Relating to the Regional Preferential Tariff;
-    Regional Agreement on Market Opening in favour of Bolivia;
-    Regional Agreement on Market Opening in favour of Ecuador;
-    Regional Agreement on Market Opening in favour of Paraguay;
-    Partial Scope Agreement for the Liberalization and Expansion of the Intraregional Seed Trade;
-    Regional Agreement on Cooperation and Exchange of Assets in the Cultural, Educational and Scientific Fields.

2.   The preferential rules of origin contained in the Global System of Trade Preferences.

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[2] The relevant provisions are available for consultation on the ALADI website (http://www.aladi.org) and the UNCTAD website (www.unctadxi.org/templates/Page____6207.aspx).