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**Committee on Rules of Origin**

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

**NON-PREFERENTIAL AND PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

1.1. 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.

1.2. 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>).

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

**BELIZE**

(Notification in English)

**A. NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

None.

**B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

The CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) signed in October 2008 by Belize and its CARICOM partners, the European Union and the Dominican Republic. Documents can be sourced at the following websites:

- [http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2008/february/tradoc\\_137971.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2008/february/tradoc_137971.pdf).

The Belize Guatemala Partial Scope Agreement signed in June 2006 by Belize and the Republic of Guatemala:

- [http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/blz\\_gtm/index\\_e.asp](http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/blz_gtm/index_e.asp).

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy established under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (2001):

- <http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/caricom/caricind.asp>.

The CARICOM-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement (2004):

- [http://sice.oas.org/trade/crcrcom\\_s/crcrcomind\\_s.asp](http://sice.oas.org/trade/crcrcom_s/crcrcomind_s.asp).

The CARICOM-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (1998):

- [http://sice.oas.org/Trade/Ccdr/English/Ccdr\\_in.asp](http://sice.oas.org/Trade/Ccdr/English/Ccdr_in.asp).

The CARICOM-Venezuela Trade and Investment Agreement (1992):

- <http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/carivex.asp>.

The CARICOM-Colombia Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement (1994):

- <http://www.sice.oas.org/trade/caricome.asp>.

The CARICOM-Cuba Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement (2000):

- [http://www.minfor.gov.gy/docs/foreign\\_trade/caricom\\_cuba/CARICOM-Cuba.pdf](http://www.minfor.gov.gy/docs/foreign_trade/caricom_cuba/CARICOM-Cuba.pdf).

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