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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 stipulates, 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 (CRO) 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. In accordance with these rules, the following notification has been received¹:

NORTH MACEDONIA

A. NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

- Articles 21-25 of the Customs Law (Official Gazette Nos. 39/2005; 4/2008; 62/2009; 117/2009; 35/2010; 48/2010; 158/2010; 44/2011; 53/2011; 11/2012; 171/2012; 187/2013; 180/2014; 15/2015; 129/2015; 154/2015; 192/2015; 23/2016; 144/2018).
- Articles 11-30 of the Decree on implementation of the Customs Law (Official Gazette Nos. 66/2005; 73/2006; 40/2007; 62/2007; 42/2009; 48/2009; 38/2010; 46/2010; 61/2010; 141/2011; 147/2011; 158/2011; 14/2012; 2/2013; 92/2013; 177/2013; 62/2015; 111/2015; 215/2015; 192/2016; 21/2017; 181/2017; 233/2018; 199/2019).

English and Macedonian versions of the following documents regulating non-preferential rules can be found on the webpage of the Customs Administration of the Republic of North Macedonia:

¹ The legislation in this notification replaces the information previously notified in G/RO/N/45.

The link to the Customs Law is:

- In Macedonian, in the section "ЦАРИНСКИ ЗАКОН" - <http://www.customs.gov.mk/index.php/mk/za-nas-mk/carinska-regulativa/carinski-zakon>; and
- In English, in the section "CUSTOMS LAW" - <http://www.customs.gov.mk/index.php/en/about-us-en/customs-regulations/customs-law>.

The link to the Decree on implementation of the Customs Law:

- In Macedonian, in the section "УРЕДБИ" - <http://www.customs.gov.mk/index.php/mk/za-nas-mk/carinska-regulativa/carinski-zakon>; and
- In English, in the section "BY LAWS" - <http://www.customs.gov.mk/index.php/en/about-us-en/customs-regulations/customs-law>.

B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

- Article 26 of the Customs Law (Official Gazette Nos. 39/2005; 4/2008; 62/2009; 117/2009; 35/2010; 48/2010; 158/2010; 44/2011; 53/2011; 11/2012; 171/2012; 187/2013; 180/2014; 15/2015; 129/2015; 154/2015; 192/2015; 23/2016; 144/2018).
- Articles 31-36 of the Decree on implementation of the Customs Law (Official Gazette Nos. 66/2005; 73/2006; 40/2007; 62/2007; 42/2009; 48/2009; 38/2010; 46/2010; 61/2010; 141/2011; 147/2011; 158/2011; 14/2012; 2/2013; 92/2013; 177/2013; 62/2015; 111/2015; 215/2015; 192/2016; 21/2017; 181/2017; 233/2018; 199/2019).
- List of protocols of origin in Free Trade Agreement.

The list of protocols of origin in free trade agreements can be found on the webpage of the Customs Administration of the Republic of North Macedonia in the following link: <http://www.customs.gov.mk/index.php/mk/biznis-zaednica-mk/presmetka-na-davacki-mk/poteklo-mk/1304-poteklo-sporodbi-mk>.

The Preferential Trade Agreements are published in the following Official Journals of North Macedonia and notified in WTO to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements:

- Bilateral Free Trade Agreement with Republic of Turkey (OJ No. 83/1999, amended rules of origin Nos. 68/2007; 25/2009; and 84/2018) and notified under document²;
- Bilateral Free Trade Agreement with Ukraine (OJ No. 53/2001) and notified under document³;
- Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU (OJ No. 28/2001, amended Nos. 49/2005; 119/2008; 25/2016; and 71/2016) and notified under document⁴;
- Multilateral Free Trade Agreement with EFTA States (OJ No. 89/2001, amended Nos. 62/2003 and 163/2009) and notified under document⁵; and
- CEFTA Agreement between Western Balkan countries (OJ No. 69/2007, amended Nos. 117/2011 and 130/2015) and notified under document⁶.

² WT/REG115/N/1.

³ WT/REG248/N/1.

⁴ WT/REG129/N/1.

⁵ WT/REG117/N/1.

⁶ WT/REG233/N/1/Rev.1.