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Committee on Rules of Origin

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**NOTIFICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN**

**PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

1. Paragraph 4 of Annex II to the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that Members shall provide to the Secretariat as soon as possible 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. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to Members by the Secretariat under the G/RO/N/ series.

2. The Committee on Rules of Origin further agreed that, with respect to preferential rules of origin, notifications made to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) or to the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) could also suffice to discharge their notification obligations under the Agreement on Rules of Origin (G/RO/M/59). As a result, the Committee agreed that notifications which had initially been received by the CRTA or the CTD should also be circulated by the Secretariat to the CRO. The information regarding such notifications, including related to preferential rules of origin, can, in addition, be retrieved through the WTO database of regional trade agreements (<http://rtais.wto.org>) or in the WTO database of preferential trade agreements (<http://ptadb.wto.org>).

3. Accordingly, the following notification has been received:

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EU AND CENTRAL AMERICA (COSTA RICA; EL SALVADOR; GUATEMALA; HONDURAS; NICARAGUA; AND PANAMA)<sup>1</sup>**

**A. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

The texts of the Agreement can be found in the following internet links:

European Union: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:22012A1215\(01\);](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:22012A1215(01);)

Costa Rica: <https://www.comex.go.cr/tratados/aacue/;>

El Salvador: <http://infotrade.minec.gob.sv/ue/;>

Guatemala: <https://www.mineco.gob.gt/node/538;>

Honduras: <https://sde.gob.hn/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/01-Acuerdo-1.pdf;>

Nicaragua: <https://www.mific.gob.ni/Comercio-Exterior/Negociaciones-Comerciales/Acuerdos-Comerciales-Internacionales-Vigentes/Uni%C3%B3n-Europea?folderId=371&view=gridview&pageSize=2147483647;> and

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<sup>1</sup> Originally notified to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) and circulated in document WT/REG332/N/1/Add.1 of 23 March 2021.

Panama: [https://mici.gob.pa/tratados-comerciales-vigentes/acuerdo-de-asociacion-entre-centroamerica-y-la-union-europea-ada.](https://mici.gob.pa/tratados-comerciales-vigentes/acuerdo-de-asociacion-entre-centroamerica-y-la-union-europea-ada)

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