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Committee on Rules of Origin

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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND PARAGRAPH 4  
OF ANNEX II OF 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. Moreover, 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. In this respect, the Committee on Rules of Origin further agreed that notifications made to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) or to 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 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 data base of regional trade agreements (<http://rtais.wto.org>) or in the WTO data base of preferential trade agreements (<http://ptadb.wto.org>).

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

**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

**A. NON PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

- Decree No. 228/PM "On the Origin of Import and Export of Goods" dated 22 April 2010, relating to both Preferential and Non-Preferential Rules of Origin<sup>1</sup>.

**B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

- Decree No. 228/PM "On the Origin of Import and Export of Goods" dated 22 April 2010, relating to both Preferential and Non-Preferential Rules of Origin<sup>2</sup>;
- ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA). The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/communities/asean-economic-community/category/asean-trade-in-goods-agreement> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>;

<sup>1</sup> A copy of the legislation is available with the Secretariat for consultation.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the legislation is available with the Secretariat for consultation.

- Free Trade Agreement between ASEAN and Australia and New Zealand. The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/news/item/asean-australia-new-zealand-free-trade-area> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>;
  - Free Trade Agreement between ASEAN and China. The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/news/item/asean-china-free-trade-area-2> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>;
  - Free Trade Agreement between ASEAN and India. The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/news/item/asean-india-free-trade-area-3> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>;
  - Free Trade Agreement between ASEAN and Japan. The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/news/item/asean-japan-free-trade-area-2> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>;
  - Free Trade Agreement between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea. The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.asean.org/news/item/asean-republic-of-korea-free-trade-area-2> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>; and
  - Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA). The protocol relating to the rules of origin under this agreement is available at: <http://www.unescap.org/tid/apta.asp> or <http://www.laotradeportal.gov.la>.
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