



Committee on Rules of Origin

**STATUS OF NOTIFICATIONS OF PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN FOR LDCS AND
PREFERENTIAL IMPORT DATA**

Note by the Secretariat¹

Revision

Paragraph 4.3 of the 2015 (Nairobi) Ministerial Decision on preferential rules of origin for least developed countries (LDCs) reiterates Members' commitment to notify their preferential rules of origin for LDCs as well as data concerning their preferential imports from LDCs. This note summarizes existing notification requirements and reports on the notifications received to date by the Secretariat.

1 REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN AND PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS

1.1 The following WTO instruments require Members to notify their preferential rules of origin for LDCs and their preferential trade imports from LDCs:

- Paragraph 4 of Annex II of the Agreement on Rules of Origin requires Members to notify "promptly" "to the Secretariat" any preferential rules of origin. Notifications are circulated under the G/RO/N/ document series and are examined by the Committee on Rules of Origin (CRO);
- The Transparency Mechanism for Preferential Trade Arrangements (WT/L/806 of 14 December 2010) requires Members to provide detailed and product-specific rules of origin "to the Secretariat". Annex 1 of the Decision enumerates the specific information which should be provided, including preferential rules of origin. The Decision also requires Members to notify, at the tariff line level, import data under their PTAs. Notifications of PTAs under the Transparency Mechanism are circulated as documents of the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD). Notifications are considered by the CTD in Dedicated Session (CTD-DS), on the basis of a "factual presentation" prepared by the Secretariat. Only PTAs notified after the adoption of the Decision in 2010 have been examined under these procedures. In addition, a "guide" for each PTA is prepared in consultation with the Member implementing the PTA, and is placed in the Database on PTAs (<http://ptadb.wto.org>) after its approval by the implementing Member.
- The 2013 (Bali) Ministerial Decision on Preferential Rules of Origin for LDCs (WT/L/917) and the 2015 (Nairobi) Decision (WT/L/917/Add.1) reiterate these obligations. In addition, the CRO agreed on a template to be used by all WTO preference-granting Members (G/RO/84) when notifying their preferential rules of origin. These notifications are circulated under the G/RO/LDC/N/ document series.

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

2 STATUS OF NOTIFICATIONS AND IMPORT DATA RECEIVED TO DATE

2.1 The following table enumerates, for each preference-granting Member, the latest notifications received concerning trade preferences in favour of LDCs. It lists:

- The references of the latest notifications which were sent either or both to the CTD, the WTO Integrated Base, and to the CRO;
 - The date in which a notification and PTA was considered by the CTD; and
 - The availability of information about the tariff coverage of preferential schemes as well as data concerning preferential imports. "Yes" means the data has been notified and is available. The sign "-" indicates that the information has not been notified by the Member. The abbreviation "n.a." means that the preferences had not yet been implemented by the Member and that, as a result, no notification obligation was applicable.
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Preference-granting Member(i)	Notifications (CTD)	Guide	Consideration by the CTD	Notifications (CRO)		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
						Tariffs	Imports	Tariffs	Imports	Tariffs	Imports	Tariffs	Imports	Tariffs
1. Armenia	No	No	No	No	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	-	-
					Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	-
2. Australia	WT/COMTD/N/18 21 January 2004	No	No	G/RO/LDC/N/AUS/1 12 September 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
3. Canada	WT/COMTD/N/15/Add.3 17 November 2014	06/04/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/CAN/2 10 October 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
4. Chile	WT/COMTD/N/44 and Add.1/Rev.1 23 October 2014	16/09/2014	11/03/2015	G/RO/LDC/N/CHL/1 18 October 2017	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
5. China	WT/COMTD/N/39/Add.2 21 November 2016	11/11/2016	Pending	G/RO/LDC/N/CHN/1 10 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
6. European Union	WT/COMTD/N/4/Add.7 1 July 2015	03/08/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/EU/1 30 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
7. Iceland	WT/COMTD/N/17 and Corr.1 20 January 2004	No	No	No	Tariffs	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. India	WT/COMTD/N/38 and Add.1 18 November 2015	18/11/2015	Pending	G/RO/LDC/N/IND/1 27 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-
9. Japan	WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.16 4 November 2015	22/11/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/JPN/1 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
10. Kazakhstan	No	No	No	G/RO/LDC/N/KAZ/1 3 April 2018	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	-
11. Korea, Rep. of	WT/COMTD/N/12/Rev.1/Add.1 20 March 2012	24/05/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/KOR/1 27 September 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
12. Kyrgyz Rep.	No	No	No	No	Tariffs	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Montenegro	No	No	No	No	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	-
					Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-
14. New Zealand	WT/COMTD/27 20 November 2000	17/11/2011	No	G/RO/LDC/N/NZL/1 5 September 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15. Norway	WT/COMTD/N/6/Add.6 1 June 2016	25/05/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/NOR/1 30 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
16. Russian Fed.	WT/COMTD/N/42 5 April 2013	No	Pending	G/RO/LDC/N/RUS/1 18 September 2017	Tariffs	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Switzerland	WT/COMTD/N/7/Add.5 26 September 2012	09/11/2011	No	G/RO/LDC/N/CHE/1 and Corr.1 6 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
18. Chinese Taipei	WT/COMTD/N/40 and Corr.1 28 February 2012	13/03/2012	Pending	G/RO/LDC/N/TPKM/1 and Corr.1 31 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
19. Tajikistan	No	No	No	No	Tariffs	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Preference-granting Member(i)	Notifications (CTD)	Guide	Consideration by the CTD	Notifications (CRO)										
					2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
20. Thailand	WT/COMTD/N/46 23 July 2015	No	Pending	G/RO/LDC/N/THA/1 7 August 2017	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
					Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	-	-
21. Turkey	WT/TPR/S/259/Rev.1 7 March 2012	01/03/2012	No	No	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22. USA - GSP	WT/COMTD/N/1/Add.9 8 February 2016	21/09/2016	No	G/RO/LDC/N/USA/1 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
USA – Haiti	WT/L/1012 12 July 2017	13/06/2016		G/RO/LDC/N/USA/2 11 July 2017	Tariffs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
					Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USA - AGOA	WT/L/1006 20 January 2017	13/06/2016		G/RO/LDC/N/USA/3 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
					Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Note: (i) Some PTA schemes entered into force after the adoption of the PTA transparency mechanism, i.e. Armenia; Chile; Kazakhstan; Montenegro; and Thailand.
