



**Committee on Rules of Origin**

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

*Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>*

*Revision*

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 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 the latest status of notifications submitted to the Secretariat.

**2 REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN AND PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS**

2.1 The following WTO instruments require Members to notify their preferential rules of origin for LDCs as well as 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 submitted. 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. Annex 2 of document G/MA/367 contains the format that Members have agreed to be used in the preparation of their notifications of tariffs and import data;
- 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

### **3 STATUS OF NOTIFICATIONS AND IMPORT DATA RECEIVED TO DATE**

3.1 The following table enumerates, for each preference-granting Member, the latest information available concerning preferential trade arrangements in favour of LDCs, namely:

- The references of the latest notifications submitted to the CTD describing the coverage of preferential schemes, their date of entry into force, edibility criteria and list of beneficiary countries;
- The references of the latest notifications submitted to the CRO describing the preferential rules of origin and origin requirements applicable to LDCs as required under the notification template adopted by the Committee (G/RO/84) and;
- The availability of tariff and import statistics for each scheme:
  - A full listing of preferential duties under the PTA per beneficiary partner and other data, where applicable (e.g., tariff-rate quotas, seasonal restrictions, special safeguards and, if available, *ad valorem* equivalents for non-*ad valorem* duties); and
  - Import data at the tariff line level from each beneficiary Member, in value for total imports, imports under MFN rates and imports under PTA benefits.

3.2 It should be noted that some of the data received most recently may still be subject to review, correction and validation by the WTO Secretariat.

Preference-granting Member(i)	Notifications (CTD)	Notifications (CRO)		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>1. Armenia</b>	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.	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2. Australia</b>	WT/COMTD/N/18 21 January 2004	G/RO/LDC/N/AUS/1/Rev.1 13 September 2019	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
<b>3. Canada</b>	WT/COMTD/N/15/Add.3 17 November 2014	G/RO/LDC/N/CAN/2 10 October 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
<b>4. Chile</b>	WT/COMTD/N/44 and Add.1/Rev.1 23 October 2014	G/RO/LDC/N/CHL/1 18 October 2017	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-
<b>5. China</b>	WT/COMTD/N/39/Add.2 21 November 2016	G/RO/LDC/N/CHN/1 10 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
<b>6. European Union</b>	WT/COMTD/N/4/Add.7 1 July 2015	G/RO/LDC/N/EU/1 30 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
<b>7. Iceland</b>	WT/COMTD/N/17 and Corr.1 20 January 2004	No	Tariffs	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>8. India</b>	WT/COMTD/N/38 and Add.1 18 November 2015	G/RO/LDC/N/IND/1 27 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
<b>9. Japan</b>	WT/COMTD/N/2/Add.16 4 November 2015	G/RO/LDC/N/JPN/1 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>10. Kazakhstan</b>	No	G/RO/LDC/N/KAZ/2 15 November 2018	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	-	-	-
<b>11. Korea, Republic of</b>	WT/COMTD/N/12/Rev.1/Add.1 20 March 2012	G/RO/LDC/N/KOR/1 27 September 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>12. Kyrgyz Rep.</b>	No	G/RO/LDC/N/KGZ/1 28 November 2018	Tariffs	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>13. Montenegro</b>	No	G/RO/LDC/N/MNE/1 9 September 2019	Tariffs	n.a.	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.	n.a.	-	-	-	-
<b>14. New Zealand</b>	WT/COMTD/27 20 November 2000	G/RO/LDC/N/NZL/1 5 September 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15. Norway</b>	WT/COMTD/N/6/Add.6 1 June 2016	G/RO/LDC/N/NOR/1 30 June 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
<b>16. Russian Federation</b>	WT/COMTD/PTA1/N/1 16 July 2019	G/RO/LDC/N/RUS/2 22 January 2019	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	-	Yes	-
			Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>17. Switzerland</b>	WT/COMTD/N/7/Add.5 26 September 2012	G/RO/LDC/N/CHE/1 and Corr.1 6 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			Imports	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
<b>18. Chinese Taipei</b>	WT/COMTD/N/40 and Corr.1 28 February 2012	G/RO/LDC/N/TPKM/1 and Corr.1 31 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>19. Tajikistan</b>	No	G/RO/LDC/N/TJK/1 6 May 2019	Tariffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
			Imports	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>20. Thailand</b>	WT/COMTD/N/46 23 July 2015	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	-	-	-	-

Preference-granting Member(i)	Notifications (CTD)	Notifications (CRO)		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>21. Turkey</b>	WT/TPR/S/259/Rev.1 7 March 2012	G/RO/LDC/N/TUR/1 18 September 2019	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	-
			Imports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>22. USA - GSP</b>	WT/COMTD/N/1/Add.9 8 February 2016	G/RO/LDC/N/USA/1 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>USA – CBERA/Haiti</b>	WT/L/1012 12 July 2017	G/RO/LDC/N/USA/2 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>USA - AGOA</b>	WT/L/1006 20 January 2017	G/RO/LDC/N/USA/3 11 July 2017	Tariffs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
			Imports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-
<b>USA – Nepal</b>	WT/COMTD/N/52	G/RO/LDC/N/USA/4 30 November 2017	Tariffs	n.a.	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.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	Yes	-

Note: (i) Some Members joined the WTO and/or PTA schemes entered into force after the adoption of the PTA transparency mechanism, i.e. Armenia; Chile; Kazakhstan; Montenegro; Tajikistan; Thailand; and the United States' Trade Preferences for Nepal.

Yes submission received and disseminated;

Yes\* submission received but not yet disseminated;

- no submission received;

n.a. PTA not yet in force.