The following communication from the delegation of Norway, dated 23 July 1982, is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

In order to bring the origin rules of the Norwegian GSP in line with the revised Form APR, the Norwegian Government has decided to amend Articles 26, 27 and 28 of said origin rules (cf. L/4242/Add.2).

It has furthermore been decided to extend the 3-month limit in Article 30 to 6 months.

Explanatory Note 5 to Article 4 has also been brought in line with the GATT negotiations and the implementation of the Tokyo Round.

The new text of Articles 26, 27, 28 and 30, as well as Note 5, is attached.
Article 26

The Form APR must conform to the specimen given in Annex III. It shall be made out in English or French. If it is handwritten, it shall be completed in ink and in capital letters. The Form APR shall be 210 x 148 mm. The paper used shall be white writing paper, sized, not containing mechanical pulp. The use of English or French for the notes attached to the APR Form shall not be obligatory.

Each form shall bear a serial number, printed or otherwise, by which it can be identified.

Article 27

One Form APR shall be completed for each consignment.

Article 28

If the goods contained in the consignment have already been subject to verification in the exporting country by reference to the definition of the concept of "originating products", the exporter may refer to this check in box 7 "Remarks" on the Form APR.

Article 30

When an application for subsequent verification has been made in accordance with the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 1, such verification shall be carried out and its results communicated to the appropriate customs authorities in Norway within a maximum of six months. The results must be such as to establish whether the certificate Form A or the Form APR in question applies to the products actually exported and whether these products were in fact eligible to benefit from the tariff preferences specified in Article 1.

For the purpose of subsequent verification of certificates of origin Form A, copies of the certificates as well as any export documents referring to them shall be kept for at least two years by the competent authority in the exporting beneficiary country.

Explanatory Notes

Note 5 - Article 4:
"Ex work price" means the price paid to the manufacturer in whose undertaking the last working or processing is carried out, provided the price includes the value of all the products used in manufacture.

"Customs value" means the customs value as defined in the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).