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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Department of the Treasury (3)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Imported merchandise
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Rules of Origin Applicable to Imported Merchandise (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: This document proposes to amend the customs regulations to set forth inform rules governing the determination of the country of origin of imported merchandise. These rules would codify existing principles used for determining when under the customs laws an article "is wholly the growth, product or manufacture" of a country or when an article is "a new and different article" (or article of commerce) as a result of a manufacturing process in a given country.
7.	Objective and rationale: To codify the present country of origin rules in order to provide rules that are more objective and transparent and thereby to provide greater certainty and predictability for both the trade community and the customs service in making country of origin determinations required under existing laws and regulations.
8.	Relevant documents: 59 FR 141, 3 January 1994; 19 CFR Parts 4, 10, 12, 102, 134 and 177. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 4 April 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: