
Committee on Rules of Origin

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF
ANNEX II TO THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN**

A. NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1. Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that each Member shall provide to the Secretariat, within 90 days after the date entry in to 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. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to the Members by the Secretariat.

2. Article 5.2 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin provides 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, which, for the purpose of the Article, shall include any rule of origin referred to in paragraph 1 and not provided to the Secretariat, 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. In these exceptional cases, the Member shall publish the modified or new rule as soon as possible.

3. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. Further notifications have been received as follows:¹

SURINAME

(Notification in English)

- The law on rules of origin, dated 29 December 1995, has been revised. The new law on rules of origin, dated 12 September 2003, is now in effect.

B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1. Paragraph 4 of Annex II of the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that Members shall provide to the Secretariat promptly their 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 effect on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for the Member concerned. Members shall provide any modifications to their preferential rules of origin or new preferential rules of origin as soon as possible to the Secretariat. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to Members by the Secretariat.

¹ The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

2. Previous notifications received are listed in the G/RO/N/- series. Further notifications have been received as follows²:

EL SALVADOR
(Notification in Spanish)

- Bilateral free trade agreements between El Salvador and the following countries:
- Mexico – Free Trade Agreement in force as of 15 March 2001
- Dominican Republic – Free Trade Agreement in force as of 4 October 2001
- Chile – Free Trade Agreement in force as of 1 June 2002
- Panama – Free Trade Agreement in force as of 11 April 2003

SURINAME
(Notification in English)

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