

Committee on Rules of Origin

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II OF
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

MEXICO

(Notification in Spanish)

The non-preferential rules of origin of the "Decision establishing the rules for the determination of the country of origin of imported goods and provisions for the corresponding certification, in matters relating to countervailing duties", published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 30 August 1994.

URUGUAY

(Notification in Spanish)

Uruguay does not have non-preferential rules of origin.

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

UNITED STATES

(Notification in English)

The most recent copies of diskettes containing administrative rulings (including ones relating to rules of origin) issued by the US Customs Service have been notified.

B. PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1. Paragraph 4 on 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.

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

MEXICO

(Notification in Spanish)

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 20 December 1993 (Rules of Origin) and 30 December 1993 (Uniform Regulations);
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Bolivia, published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 11 January 1995;
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Costa Rica, published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 10 January 1995;
- Economic Complementarity Agreement between Mexico and Chile, published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 23 December 1991;
- Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States, the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Venezuela (Group of Three), published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 9 January 1995; and
- Marking rules of the "Agreement establishing rules for country of origin marking to determine when a good imported into the national territory may be considered a United States or Canadian good in accordance with the NAFTA", published in the Official Journal of Mexico dated 7 January 1994.

UNITED STATES

(Notification in English)

The most recent copies of diskettes containing administrative rulings (including ones relating to rules of origin) issued by the US Customs Service have been notified.

²The notifications are available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION ASSOCIATION (LAIA)³
(Notification in Spanish)

LAIA General Rules of Origin (Resolution 78 and Decision 91 of the Committee of Representatives).

SOUTHERN COMMON MARKET (MERCOSUR)⁴
(Notification in Spanish)

Rules of Origin of the Partial-Scope Agreements and MERCOSUR Rules of Origin.

ARGENTINA
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) and Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) above.

BOLIVIA
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) above.

BRAZIL
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) and Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) above.

COLOMBIA
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) above.

ECUADOR
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) above.

PARAGUAY
(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) and Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) above.

³Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

⁴Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

PERU

(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) above.

VENEZUELA

(Notification in Spanish)

See Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) above.