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## **TENTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN**

Note by the Secretariat

Article 6.1 of the Agreement on Rules of Origin provides that "the Committee shall review annually the implementation and operation of Part II and Part III of this Agreement having regard to its objectives". This background document is circulated by the Secretariat in preparation for the ninth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement, to be conducted at the meeting of the Committee on Rules of Origin on 21 October 2004.

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## 1. Members and Observer status

### (a) WTO Members (148)

Albania	Denmark	Japan	Papua New Guinea
Angola	Djibouti	Jordan	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Kenya	Peru
Argentina	Dominican Republic	Korea	Philippines
Armenia	Ecuador	Kuwait	Poland
Australia	Egypt	Kyrgyz Republic	Portugal
Austria	El Salvador	Latvia	Qatar
Bahrain	Estonia	Lesotho	Romania
Bangladesh	European Community	Libya	Rwanda
Barbados	Republic of the Fiji	Liechtenstein	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belgium	Islands	Lithuania	Saint Lucia
Belize	Finland	Luxembourg	Saint Vincent and the
Benin	Former Yugoslav Rep. of	Macao, China	Grenadines
Bolivia	Macedonia	Madagascar	Senegal
Botswana	France	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Gabon	Malaysia	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Gambia	Maldives	Slovak Republic
Bulgaria	Georgia	Mali	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Germany	Malta	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Ghana	Mauritania	South Africa
Cambodia	Greece	Mauritius	Spain
Cameroon	Grenada	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Canada	Guatemala	Moldova	Suriname
Central African Republic	Guinea, Republic of	Mongolia	Swaziland
Chad	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Sweden
Chile	Guyana	Mozambique	Switzerland
China, Peoples's Rep. of	Haiti	Myanmar	Tanzania
Chinese Taipei	Honduras	Namibia	Thailand
Colombia	Hong Kong, China	Netherlands	Togo
Congo	Hungary	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Iceland	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Côte d'Ivoire	India	Niger	Turkey
Croatia	Indonesia	Nigeria	Uganda
Cuba	Ireland	Norway	United Arab Emirates
Cyprus	Israel	Oman	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Italy	Pakistan	United States
Democratic Republic of	Jamaica	Panama	Uruguay
the Congo			Venezuela
			Zambia
			Zimbabwe

## (b) Observer Governments (29)

Algeria	Holy See	Serbia and Montenegro
Andorra	Kazakhstan	Sudan
Azerbaijan	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Tajikistan
Bahamas	Lebanon	Tonga
Belarus	Libya	Ukraine
Bhutan	Russian Federation	Uzbekistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Samoa	Vanuatu
Cape Verde	Sao Tome and Principe	Viet Nam
Equatorial Guinea	Saudi Arabia	Yemen
Ethiopia	Seychelles	

## (c) Observer International Organizations (9)

ACP  
EFTA  
IADB  
IMF  
ITCB  
OECD  
UNCTAD  
WCO  
World Bank

**2. Officers of the Committee on Rules of Origin**

Chairman: Ms. Vera Thorstensen (Brazil)  
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Tomoyoshi Watanabe (Japan)

**3. Meetings of the Committee on Rules of Origin**

3.1 The Committee on Rules of Origin (CRO) has held three formal meetings on 17 November 2003, 14 May [and 21 October 2004]. The minutes of these meetings are contained in documents G/RO/M/44-[46].

3.2 With regard to *the work under Part II* of the Agreement on Rules of Origin (the Agreement), the CRO [carried out the transitional review under paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China.]

3.3 With regard to *the work under Part III* of the Agreement, [the CRO took note of the notifications under Article 5 and paragraph 4 of Annex II of the Agreement. To date [76] Members have made notifications of non-preferential rules of origin and [82] Members have made notifications of preferential rules of origin (see Annex). The Chairman expressed concern that a number of Members had not yet complied with the notification requirements. He urged Members who had not yet notified to do so as early as possible.]

3.4 Apart from the above-summarized implementation and operation of *Parts II and III* of the Agreement, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the CRO, at the request of the Chairman of the General Council, have conducted intense consultations with Members in order to resolve the 94 core policy issues with regard to the Harmonization Work Programme under *Part IV* of the Agreement. The CRO, in July 2002, forwarded 93 core policy issues as well as the implications issue to the General Council for discussion and decision at that level (G/RO/52; WT/GC/M/75); since then the

matter has been in the hands of the General Council. The General Council, at its meeting on 27 July and 1 August 2004, extended the deadline for completion of the 94 core policy issues to July 2005. The General Council also agreed that following resolution of these core policy issues, the CRO would complete its remaining technical work by 31 December 2005.

**4. Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods**

[The CRO adopted its report to the CTG (G/L/--).]

[To be completed in light of the discussion at the meeting of 21 October 2004.]

ANNEX1. Members that have notified Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (36)

Argentina (G/RO/N/2, 10 & 16)	Hong Kong, China (G/RO/N/1, 10, 24, 30 & 37)	Norway (G/RO/N/8)
Armenia (G/RO/N/41)	Israel (G/RO/N/13)	Peru (G/RO/N/4 & 5)
Australia (G/RO/N/1)	Japan (G/RO/N/1)	Qatar (G/RO/N/25)
Burkina Faso (G/RO/N/19)	Korea (G/RO/N/1)	Romania (G/RO/N/1)
Bulgaria (G/RO/N/17 & 27)	Jordan (G/RO/N/30)	Senegal (G/RO/N/10)
Canada (G/RO/N/1)	Madagascar (G/RO/N/11)	South Africa (G/RO/N/3)
China (G/RO/N/37/Rev.1)	Mexico (G/RO/N/12)	Suriname (G/RO/N/24 & 43)
Colombia (G/RO/N/1)	Moldova (G/RO/N/36)	Switzerland (G/RO/N/4)
Croatia (G/RO/N/36)	Morocco (G/RO/N/2)	Taipei, Chinese (G/RO/N/37)
Cuba (G/RO/N/3)	New Zealand (G/RO/N/1)	Tunisia (G/RO/N/7)
EC (G/RO/N/1)	Niger (G/RO/N/19)	Turkey (G/RO/N/8 & 28)
Georgia (G/RO/N/37)		US (G/RO/N/1 & 6)
		Venezuela (G/RO/N/1 & 10)

2. Members that have notified that they do not have Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (40)

Bolivia (G/RO/N/9)	Haiti (G/RO/N/20)	Oman (G/RO/N/32)
Brazil (G/RO/N/14)	Honduras (G/RO/N/3)	Pakistan (G/RO/N/16)
Brunei Darussalam (G/RO/N/5)	Iceland (G/RO/N/5)	Panama (G/RO/N/23)
Burundi (G/RO/N/33)	India (G/RO/N/1)	Papua New Guinea (G/RO/N/32)
Chad (G/RO/N/22)	Indonesia (G/RO/N/16)	Paraguay (G/RO/N/21)
Chile (G/RO/N/6)	Jamaica (G/RO/N/4)	Philippines (G/RO/N/6)
Costa Rica (G/RO/N/1)	Kenya (G/RO/N/9)	Singapore (G/RO/N/3)
Dominica (G/RO/N/24)	Macao, China (G/RO/N/21)	Thailand (G/RO/N/1)
Dominican Rep. (G/RO/N/9)	Malaysia (G/RO/N/6)	Trinidad & Tobago (G/RO/N/7)
El Salvador (G/RO/N/10)	Maldives (G/RO/N/22)	Uganda (G/RO/N/12)
Fiji (G/RO/N/17)	Mauritius (G/RO/N/1)	United Arab Emirates (G/RO/N/17)
Ghana (G/RO/N/44)	Mongolia (G/RO/N/20)	Uruguay (G/RO/N/12)
Guatemala (G/RO/N/21)	Namibia (G/RO/N/26)	
Guyana (G/RO/N/42)	Nicaragua (G/RO/N/10)	

3. Members that have not notified Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (47)

Albania	Ecuador	Mozambique
Angola	Egypt	Myanmar
Antigua & Barbuda	Former Yugoslav Rep. of	Nepal
Bahrain	Macedonia	Nigeria
Bangladesh	Gabon	Rwanda
Barbados	Gambia	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Belize	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Benin	Guinea Bissau	Saint Vincent & Grenadines
Botswana	Guinea, Rep. of	Sierra Leone
Cambodia	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Cameroon	Kyrgyz Rep.	Sri Lanka
Central African Rep	Lesotho	Swaziland
Congo	Liechtenstein	Tanzania
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Togo
D.R. of Congo	Mali	Zambia
Djibouti	Mauritania	Zimbabwe

4. Members that have notified Preferential Rules of Origin (78)

Argentina (G/RO/N/16)	Guyana (G/RO/N/42)	Nicaragua (G/RO/N/10)
Armenia (G/RO/N/41)	Haiti (G/RO/N/20)	Niger (G/RO/N/19)
Australia (G/RO/N/1)	Honduras (G/RO/N/3 & 10)	Norway (G/RO/N/8, 22 & 23)
Bolivia (G/RO/N/1, 22&23)	Iceland (G/RO/N/15, 22 & 23)	Oman (G/RO/N/32)
Brazil (G/RO/N/12)	India (G/RO/N/1)	Pakistan (G/RO/N/16)
Brunei Darussalam (G/RO/N/4)	Indonesia (G/RO/N/4)	Panama (G/RO/N/23)
Bulgaria (G/RO/N/15, 22, 23 & 27)	Israel (G/RO/N/13)	Paraguay (G/RO/N/12)
Burkina Faso (G/RO/N/19)	Jamaica (G/RO/N/4)	Papua New Guinea (G/RO/N/32)
Canada (G/RO/N/1, 6 & 8)	Japan (G/RO/N/6)	Peru (G/RO/N/1)
Chad (G/RO/N/22)	Jordan (G/RO/N/30)	Philippines (G/RO/N/4)
Chile (G/RO/N/6&38)	Kenya (G/RO/N/9)	Qatar (G/RO/N/25)
China (G/RO/N/37/Rev.1)	Korea (G/RO/N/7)	Romania (G/RO/N/14, 22 & 23)
Colombia (G/RO/N/1)	Kyrgyz Republic (G/RO/N/39)	Senegal (G/RO/N/10)
Costa Rica (G/RO/N/20/Rev.1)	Liechtenstein (G/RO/N/22)	Singapore (G/RO/N/3 & 4)
Côte d'Ivoire (G/RO/N/11)	Madagascar (G/RO/N/11)	Suriname (G/RO/N/24)
Croatia (G/RO/N/36)	Malaysia (G/RO/N/4)	Switzerland (G/RO/N/6, 22, 23, 29 & 30)
Cuba (G/RO/N/3)	Maldives (G/RO/N/22)	Thailand (G/RO/N/1 & 4)
Dominica (G/RO/N/24)	Mali (G/RO/N/35)	Trinidad & Tob. (G/RO/N/7 & 24)
Dominican Rep. (G/RO/N/5, 39 & 40)	Mauritius (G/RO/N/1)	Tunisia (G/RO/N/7)
EC (G/RO/N/1)	Mexico (G/RO/N/12)	Turkey (G/RO/N/8 & 28)
Ecuador (G/RO/N/12)	Moldova (G/RO/N/36)	Uganda (G/RO/N/12)
El Salvador (G/RO/N/10, 11&30)	Mongolia (G/RO/N/20)	United Arab Emirates (G/RO/N/17)
Fiji (G/RO/N/17)	Morocco (G/RO/N/2)	US (G/RO/N/1, 6 & 18)
Georgia (G/RO/N/38)	Myanmar (G/RO/N/36)	Uruguay (G/RO/N/5)
Ghana (G/RO/N/44)	Namibia (G/RO/N/26)	Venezuela (G/RO/N/1)
Guatemala (G/RO/N/21)	New Zealand (G/RO/N/1)	Zambia (G/RO/N/15)

5. Members that have notified that they do not have Preferential Rules of Origin (4)

Burundi (G/RO/N/34)  
Chinese Taipei (G/RO/N/37)  
Hong Kong, China (G/RO/N/1)  
Macao, China (G/RO/N/21)

6. Members that have not notified Preferential Rules of Origin (41)

Albania	Djibouti	Mozambique
Angola	Egypt	Nigeria
Antigua & Barbuda	Former Yugoslav. Rep. of	Rwanda
Bahrain	Macedonia	St. Kitts & Nevis
Bangladesh	Gabon	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Gambia	Saint Vincent & Grenadines
Belize	Grenada	Sierra Leone
Benin	Guinea Bissau	Solomon Islands
Botswana	Guinea, Rep. of	South Africa
Cambodia	Kuwait	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lesotho	Swaziland
Cent. African Rep.	Malawi	Tanzania
Congo	Mauritania	Togo
D.R. of Congo	Nepal	Zimbabwe