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Committee on Rules of Origin

NOTIFICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN

PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1. Paragraph 4 of Annex II to the Agreement on Rules of Origin envisages that Members shall provide to the Secretariat as soon as possible their existing or new 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. Lists of information received and available within the Secretariat shall be circulated to Members by the Secretariat under the G/RO/N/- series.

2. The Committee on Rules of Origin further agreed that, with respect to preferential rules of origin, notifications made to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) or to the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) could also suffice to discharge their notification obligations under the Agreement on Rules of Origin (G/RO/M/59). As a result, the Committee agreed that notifications which had initially been received by the CRTA or the CTD should also be circulated by the Secretariat to the CRO. The information regarding such notifications, including related to preferential rules of origin, can, in addition, be retrieved through the WTO data base of regional trade agreements (http://rtais.wto.org) or in the WTO data base of preferential trade agreements (http://ptadb.wto.org).

3. Accordingly, the following notifications have been received:

TREATY ON A FREE TRADE AREA BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES[1]

In September 2012, the Free Trade Area of the Commonwealth Independent States entered into force among Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic. The text of the Agreement can be found at the following website:

- http://rtais.wto.org/rtadocs/762/TOA/English/FTA%20CIS_Text%20with%20protocols.docx.

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[1] Originally notified to the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) and circulated in document WT/REG343/N/1 of 7 June 2013.