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**Committee on Rules of Origin**

**NOTIFICATIONS 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:

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

(Notification in English)

- The rules of origin for tariff heading 2523 cement set forth in the Agreement on the Rules for Determination of the Country of Origin of Goods in the Commonwealth of Independent States of 20 November 2009 have been changed.
- Some amendments into the list of Conditions on manufacturing and technological operations necessary to fulfill for conferring the country origin of the good (Annex to the Rules for Determination of the Country of Origin of Goods in the Commonwealth of Independent States of 20 November 2009) have been made. The member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States agreed to develop and implement electronic verification system for the certificates conforming the country of origin of goods in order to facilitate trade. Respective provisions describe the mechanism of interaction between authorized customs authorities of importing and exporting party which are in charge of operation of electronic verification system and verification the origin of the goods based on the certificate form CT-1.
- These changes were approved by the Protocol to the Agreement on Rules for Determination of the Country of Origin of Goods in the Commonwealth of Independent States of 20 November 2009 dated 28 September 2012 and by the Protocol to the Agreement on Rules for Determination of the Country of Origin of Goods in the Commonwealth of Independent States of 20 November 2009 dated 20 November 2013.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Both protocols are available with the Secretariat for consultation by Members.