

Committee on Rules of Origin

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**EIGHTH 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 eighth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement on Rules of Origin, to be conducted at the meeting of the Committee on Rules of Origin on 15 November 2002.

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1. Members and Observer status

(a) WTO Members (144)

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

(b) Observer Governments (32)

Algeria	Ethiopia	Seychelles
Andorra	Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	Sudan
Armenia	Holy See	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Tonga
Bahamas	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Ukraine
Belarus	Lebanon	Uzbekistan
Bhutan	Nepal	Vanuatu
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Russian Federation	Viet Nam
Cambodia	Samoa	Yemen
Cape Verde	Sao Tome and Principe	Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of
Equatorial Guinea	Saudi Arabia	

(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: Mr. Stefan Moser (Switzerland)
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Ronaldo Costa Filho (Brazil)

3. Meetings of the Committee on Rules of Origin

3.1 The Committee on Rules of Origin (CRO) has held three formal meetings on 19 April, 28 June [and 15 November] 2002. The minutes of these meetings are contained in documents G/RO/M/39-[42].

3.2 With regard to *the work under Part II* of the Agreement on Rules of Origin (the Agreement), the CRO, [at its meeting in November 2002, discussed an issue "Transitional review under paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China"] **(to be completed in light of the discussion at the meeting on 15 November 2002)**

3.3 With regard to *the work under Part III* of the Agreement, the CRO, at each meeting, took note of the notifications under Article 5 and paragraph 4 of Annex II of the Agreement. To date 83 Members have made notifications of non-preferential rules of origin and [87] 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 (G/RO/M/39-[42]);

3.4 Apart from the above-summarized implementation and operation *under Parts II and III* of the Agreement, most of the CRO's formal and informal sessions were devoted to its *work under Part IV*, namely the Harmonization Work Programme (HWP). The Chairman of the Committee made a report to the General Council on the progress of the HWP at its meeting on 31 July 2002, and the CRO, as mandated, 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).

4. Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods

The CRO adopted its report to the CTG at its meeting on 15 November 2002.

ANNEX

1. Members that have notified Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (42)

Argentina (G/RO/N/2, 10 & 16)	Hungary (G/RO/N/2)	Peru (G/RO/N/4 & 5)
Australia (G/RO/N/1)	Israel (G/RO/N/13)	Poland (G/RO/N/8)
Burkina Faso (G/RO/N/19)	Japan (G/RO/N/1)	Qatar (G/RO/N/25)
Bulgaria (G/RO/N/17 & 27)	Korea (G/RO/N/1)	Romania (G/RO/N/1)
Canada (G/RO/N/1)	Jordan (G/RO/N/30)	Senegal (G/RO/N/10)
China (G/RO/N/37/Rev.1)	Latvia (G/RO/N/25)	Slovak Republic (G/RO/N/1)
Colombia (G/RO/N/1)	Lithuania (G/RO/N/36)	Slovenia (G/RO/N/5, 7 & 29/Rev.1)
Croatia (G/RO/N/36)	Madagascar (G/RO/N/11)	South Africa (G/RO/N/3)
Cuba (G/RO/N/3)	Mexico (G/RO/N/12)	Switzerland (G/RO/N/4)
Czech Rep. (G/RO/N/2)	Moldova (G/RO/N/36)	Taipei, Chinese (G/RO/N/37)
EC (G/RO/N/1)	Morocco (G/RO/N/2)	Tunisia (G/RO/N/7)
Estonia (G/RO/N/34)	New Zealand (G/RO/N/1)	Turkey (G/RO/N/8 & 28)
Georgia (G/RO/N/37)	Niger (G/RO/N/19)	US (G/RO/N/1 & 6)
Hong Kong, China (G/RO/N/1, 24 & 30)	Norway (G/RO/N/8)	Venezuela (G/RO/N/1 & 10)

2. Members that have notified that they do not have Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (41)

Bolivia (G/RO/N/9)	Honduras (G/RO/N/3)	Oman (G/RO/N/32)
Brazil (G/RO/N/14)	Iceland (G/RO/N/5)	Pakistan (G/RO/N/16)
Brunei Darussalam (G/RO/N/5)	India (G/RO/N/1)	Panama (G/RO/N/23)
Burundi (G/RO/N/33)	Indonesia (G/RO/N/16)	Papua New Guinea (G/RO/N/32)
Chad (G/RO/N/22)	Jamaica (G/RO/N/4)	Paraguay (G/RO/N/21)
Chile (G/RO/N/6)	Kenya (G/RO/N/9)	Philippines (G/RO/N/6)
Costa Rica (G/RO/N/1)	Macao, China (G/RO/N/21)	Singapore (G/RO/N/3)
Cyprus (G/RO/N/19)	Malaysia (G/RO/N/6)	Suriname (G/RO/N/24)
Dominica (G/RO/N/24)	Maldives (G/RO/N/22)	Thailand (G/RO/N/1)
Dominican Rep. (G/RO/N/9)	Malta (G/RO/N/4)	Trinidad & Tob. (G/RO/N/7)
El Salvador (G/RO/N/10)	Mauritius (G/RO/N/1)	Uganda (G/RO/N/12)
Fiji (G/RO/N/17)	Mongolia (G/RO/N/20)	United Arab Emirates (G/RO/N/17)
Guatemala (G/RO/N/21)	Namibia (G/RO/N/26)	Uruguay (G/RO/N/12)
Haiti (G/RO/N/20)	Nicaragua (G/RO/N/10)	

3. Members that have not notified Non-Preferential Rules of Origin (46)

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

4. Members that have notified Preferential Rules of Origin (84)

Argentina (G/RO/N/16)	Hungary (G/RO/N/2, 22 & 23)	Pakistan (G/RO/N/16)
Australia (G/RO/N/1)	Iceland (G/RO/N/15, 22 & 23)	Panama (G/RO/N/23)
Bolivia (G/RO/N/1, 22&23)	India (G/RO/N/1)	Paraguay (G/RO/N/12)
Brazil (G/RO/N/12)	Indonesia (G/RO/N/4)	Papua New Guinea (G/RO/N/32)
Brunei Darussalam (G/RO/N/4)	Israel (G/RO/N/13)	Peru (G/RO/N/1)
Bulgaria (G/RO/N/15, 22, 23 & 27)	Jamaica (G/RO/N/4)	Philippines (G/RO/N/4)
Burkina Faso (G/RO/N/19)	Japan (G/RO/N/6)	Poland (G/RO/N/8, 22 & 23)
Canada (G/RO/N/1, 6 & 8)	Jordan (G/RO/N/30)	Qatar (G/RO/N/25)
Chad (G/RO/N/22)	Kenya (G/RO/N/9)	Romania (G/RO/N/14, 22 & 23)
Chile (G/RO/N/6&38)	Korea (G/RO/N/7)	Senegal (G/RO/N/10)
China (G/RO/N/37/Rev.1)	Latvia (G/RO/N/25)	Singapore (G/RO/N/3 & 4)
Colombia (G/RO/N/1)	Liechtenstein (G/RO/N/22)	Slovak Republic (G/RO/N/1, 22 & 23)
Costa Rica (G/RO/N/20/Rev.1)	Madagascar (G/RO/N/11)	Slovenia (G/RO/N/5, 7, 22 & 23)
Côte d'Ivoire (G/RO/N/11)	Malaysia (G/RO/N/4)	Suriname (G/RO/N/24)
Croatia (G/RO/N/36)	Maldives (G/RO/N/22)	Switzerland (G/RO/N/6, 22, 23, 29 & 30)
Cuba (G/RO/N/3)	Mali (G/RO/N/35)	Taipei, Chinese (G/RO/N/37)
Cyprus (G/RO/N/19)	Malta (G/RO/N/4)	Thailand (G/RO/N/1 & 4)
Czech Rep. (G/RO/N/2, 22 & 23)	Mauritius (G/RO/N/1)	Trinidad & Tob. (G/RO/N/7 & 24)
Dominica (G/RO/N/24)	Mexico (G/RO/N/12)	Tunisia (G/RO/N/7)
Dominican Rep. (G/RO/N/5)	Moldova (G/RO/N/36)	Turkey (G/RO/N/8 & 28)
EC (G/RO/N/1)	Mongolia (G/RO/N/20)	Uganda (G/RO/N/12)
Ecuador (G/RO/N/12)	Morocco (G/RO/N/2)	United Arab Emirates (G/RO/N/17)
El Salvador (G/RO/N/10, 11&30)	Myanmar (G/RO/N/36)	US (G/RO/N/1, 6 & 18)
Estonia (G/RO/N/31)	Namibia (G/RO/N/26)	Uruguay (G/RO/N/5)
Fiji (G/RO/N/17)	New Zealand (G/RO/N/1)	Venezuela (G/RO/N/1)
Georgia (G/RO/N/38)	Nicaragua (G/RO/N/10)	Zambia (G/RO/N/15)
Guatemala (G/RO/N/21)	Niger (G/RO/N/19)	
Haiti (G/RO/N/20)	Norway (G/RO/N/8, 22 & 23)	
Honduras (G/RO/N/3 & 10)	Oman (G/RO/N/32)	

5. Members that have notified that they do not have Preferential Rules of Origin (3)

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

6. Members that have not notified Preferential Rules of Origin (42)

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