

Committee on Rules of Origin

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES FOR DECISION BY THE
COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN**

Letter of Transmission from the Chairman of the
Technical Committee on Rules of Origin

The following communication, dated 20 January 1999, has been received from the Chairman of the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin.

Dear Mr. Wells,

At its Fifteenth Session the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) examined issues of the overall architecture of the harmonized rules of origin as was proposed by the Committee on Rules of Origin (CRO) and endorsed by the Council for Trade in Goods (G/RO/25). The purpose of this letter is to transmit an unresolved issue which the TCRO, upon exhausting its discussions without reaching consensus, has decided should be referred to the CRO for decision. The enclosed referral document¹ identifies the issue for decision, set out the differing views and options presented by Members during the TCRO discussions.

Early resolution of this issue is essential for real progress in meeting the programme set out by the CRO for 1999.

The TCRO and the WCO Secretariat wish the CRO all possible success in its consideration of the issue referred for decision and, as always, stand ready to assist the CRO.

Please accept, Mr. Wells, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

R. JANECKO,
Chairman

¹ Circulated as document G/RO/30.