



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ON RULES OF ORIGIN

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NINTH PERIODIC REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS
OF THE OPERATION AND STATUS OF THE ORIGIN AGREEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

(Item IV (a) on the Agenda)

Reference documents :

OC0089E1 (TCRO/22)
OC0091E1 (TCRO/22)
OC0096E1a (TCRO/23)

OC0102E1a (TCRO/24)
OC0109E1a (TCRO/25)

I. DRAFT NINTH PERIODIC REPORT

Technical aspects of the operation and status of the Agreement

1. There has been no change in the texts of the Agreement.

Parts I, II and III and Annexes I and II to the Agreement

Notifications by Members

2. Seventy-seven Members have notified their non-preferential rules of origin to the WTO. Eighty-four Members have notified preferential rules of origin (see Doc. G/RO/M49 of WTO).

Technical assistance activities

3. During 2007, the following technical assistance activities relating to the harmonization of non-preferential rules of origin and preferential rules of origin were conducted at the request of Members:

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Type of Activity	Date	Venue	Participants
Workshop	31 January – 1 February 2007	Podgorica, Montenegro	60 participants
Regional Seminar	9 - 13 April 2007	Malaka, Malaysia	27 participants
National Seminar	29 October – 2 November 2007	Hanoi, Vietnam	67 participants
Workshop	16 November 2007	Skopje, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	60 participants

Part IV of the Agreement – Harmonization of Rules of Origin – (Article 9)

Status of the Harmonization Work Programme

4. With regard to the Harmonization Work Programme carried out by the Committee on Rules of Origin, the number of outstanding issues, namely 137, has remained unchanged.

Meetings of the Technical Committee

5. During the period under review, one formal session of the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) (25th Session) was held from 5 to 6 February 2007. The questions to be examined are contained in the Report (Doc. OC0113E1a).

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

6. The Technical Committee re-elected Mrs. L. Ghrairi (Morocco) as Chairperson and Mr. A.K. Nacro (Burkina Faso) as Vice-Chairperson for the year 2008.

II. CONCLUSION

7. The Technical Committee is requested to approve the Ninth Periodic Report as set out above.
