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ON RULES OF ORIGIN

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NINTH ANNUAL REVIEW ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE  
IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF PARTS II AND III OF THE  
ORIGIN AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

(Item IV (b) on the Agenda)

Reference documents :

OC0090E1 (TCRO/22)  
OC0091E1 (TCRO/22)  
OC0097E1a (TCRO/23)

OC0103E1a (TCRO/24)  
OC0110E1a (TCRO/25)

I. DRAFT NINTH ANNUAL REVIEW

Technical aspects of the implementation and operation of Parts II and III of the Agreement

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

Technical review of Part II – Disciplines to govern the application of Rules of Origin –  
(Articles 2 and 3)

**Article 2 (Disciplines during the transition period)**

2. No difficulties with regard to specific issues were reported to the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) relating to the disciplines during the transition period.

**Article 3 (Disciplines after the transition period)**

3. Article 3 was not applicable during the period under review.

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Technical review of Part III – Procedural arrangements on notification, review, consultation and dispute settlement – (Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

**Article 4 (Institutions)**

4. At its 25<sup>th</sup> Session, the Technical Committee re-elected its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the year 2008.
5. The following items were discussed and conducted at the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the TCRO:
  - An account of the work done by the WTO Committee on Rules of Origin;
  - Technical assistance activities.
  - A group discussion to examine the issues raised in the paper annexed to Doc.OC0108E1a and to consider the topics set out in Doc. OC0112E1a.

**Article 5 (Information and procedures for modification and introduction of new Rules of Origin)**

6. According to the World Trade Organization, 77 Members have notified their non-preferential rules of origin. 84 Members have notified preferential rules of origin (G/RO/M /49).

**Article 6 (Review)**

7. No specific issues were raised during the period under review.

**Article 7 (Consultation)**

8. No specific issues were reported to the Technical Committee during the period under review.

**Article 8 (Dispute settlement)**

9. No issues related to dispute settlement were reported to the TCRO during the period under review.

II. CONCLUSION

10. The Technical Committee is requested to approve the Ninth Annual Review as set forth above.

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