

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN

1. THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2015 AT 10:00 A.M., IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD.

2. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA:

A. HARMONIZATION OF NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN - EDUCATIONAL EXERCISE AND EXPERIENCE SHARING ABOUT EXISTING NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

1) THE IMPACT OF RULES OF ORIGIN ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- PRESENTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE (ITC);
- PRESENTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (COMMISSION ON CUSTOMS AND TRADE FACILITATION);
- PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD)

MEMBERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO SHARE INFORMATION (THROUGH FORMAL PRESENTATIONS IF POSSIBLE) OF THEIR NATIONAL EXPERIENCES CONCERNING THE USE OR NON-USE OF NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN UNDER THIS ITEM.

B. HARMONIZATION OF NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN - TRANSPOSITION OF DRAFT HARMONIZED RULES OF ORIGIN TO MORE RECENT VERSIONS OF THE HS NOMENCLATURE (DOCUMENT JOB/RO/5/REV.1/CORR.1)

C. INFORMAL DEDICATED SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN ON PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN FOR LDCS (23-24 JULY 2015) - REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

D. NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN (DOCUMENTS G/RO/N/125 TO 141)

E. REVIEW OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATION TO PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (WT/L/917):

- G/RO/N/130 (THAILAND),
- G/RO/N/131 (JAPAN), AND
- G/RO/N/132 (CHINA);
- DRAFT REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL (G/RO/W/156)

F. TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN (G/RO/W/157)

G. DRAFT REPORT (2015) OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS (G/RO/W/158)

H. OTHER BUSINESS.

3. MEMBERS OF THE WTO, OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OBSERVER STATUS ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ROBERTO AZEVEDO