

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN

1. THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING ON 2 AND 3 MARCH 2017 IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PRECEDED BY AN "INFORMATION SESSION" ON THE IMPACT OF NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN, STARTING ON 2 MARCH AT 10:00 (ROOM W).

2. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE AGENDA:

- A. WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORIGIN (TCRO) - REPORT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION;
- B. "EDUCATIONAL EXERCISE" ON THE IMPACT OF EXISTING NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN (G/RO/W/162 AND G/RO/W/167);
- C. NON-PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN: POSSIBLE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES TO STREAMLINE AND SIMPLIFY NON-PREFERENTIAL ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS (JOB/RO/6 AND JOB/RO/7) - REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN;
- D. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALI AND THE NAIROBI MINISTERIAL DECISIONS ON PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (WT/L/917 AND WT/L/917/ADD.1):
 - NOTIFICATION BY MEMBERS ABOUT MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION (PARAGRAPH 4.2 OF WT/L/917/ADD.1 AND DOCUMENTS G/RO/80; G/RO/81; G/RO/82; G/RO/83 AND STATEMENTS REPORTED UNDER ITEM 4 OF G/RO/M/67);
 - NOTIFICATION OF PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN AND TRADE DATA (PARAGRAPH 4.3 OF WT/L/917/ADD.1 AND DOCUMENT G/RO/W/163/REV.1) - UPDATE BY THE SECRETARIAT;
 - TEMPLATE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN (PARAGRAPH 4.3 OF WT/L/917/ADD.1 AND DOCUMENT G/RO/W/160/REV.3);
 - UTILIZATION RATES UNDER PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (PARAGRAPH 4.3 OF

WT/L/917/ADD.1) - REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT
(G/RO/W/168);

- E. NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 5 AND UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF ANNEX II OF THE AGREEMENT ON RULES OF ORIGIN - PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NEW RULES OF ORIGIN PAGE OF THE WTO WEBSITE;
- F. ELECTION OF OFFICERS; AND
- G. 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.

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