

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

### Notification by Austria

#### Addendum

The following communication dated 28 June 1978 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria.

I would like to inform you that in accordance with the declaration made by the preference-giving EFTA countries at the eighth session of the UNCTAD Special Committee on Preferences (June/July 1977), Austria is prepared to accept cumulative acquisition of origin under the Austrian scheme of generalized preferences as from 1 July 1978.

The cumulative treatment under the Austrian scheme means that a preference-receiving country exporting to Austria is allowed, for the purpose of the origin rules, to regard materials used in production which have originated in another preference-receiving country with which the exporting country co-operates in a regional economic grouping, as having originated in the exporting country.

It is the responsibility of the final exporting country to guarantee that the imported material used has in fact, for the sake of cumulation, originated according to the GSP rules of origin applied by Austria. The exporting preference-receiving country will be responsible, upon request, for the verification of certificates of origin (Form A). Austria reserves the right in specific cases to request the final exporting preference-receiving country to verify the origin of imported materials used in the production of the exported product.

It is requested that certificates of origin (Form A) applying to the exported products show that cumulation has occurred. It should, therefore, be noted in box 4 of the certificate that the exported product originated in the exporting country due to cumulation with the country or countries concerned.

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Preference-receiving countries forming a regional economic grouping and wanting to take advantage of the cumulation system, are invited to apply for this possibility to the Government of Austria, stating the measures taken by the grouping for the purpose of making use of the possibility of cumulation. Until such an application has been approved by the competent Austrian authorities, cumulative treatment shall not apply.

