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Addendum

In a communication dated 1 September 1978, the delegation of Norway has notified the following changes in the GSP scheme of Norway.

1. Product coverage

With effect from 1 September 1978, "face cloths and toilet gloves of cotton falling within CCCN No. ex 62.02" has been added to the GSP scheme of Norway. Thus, this item should no longer appear in the general exceptions list (L/4242/Add.1, pages 9-11).

2. Rules of origin

(1) Cumulative treatment

In accordance with the declaration made by the EFTA countries at the eighth session of the UNCTAD Special Committee on Preferences in 1977, the possibility of cumulative treatment has been introduced under the Norwegian GSP scheme as from 1 July 1978. For this purpose the following new Article 3 bis, has been added to the Norwegian origin rules for the GSP (L/4242/Add.2):

"According to specific decision by the Ministry of Finance, materials originating in a preference-receiving country belonging to a regional economic grouping and used in the production in another preference-receiving country belonging to the same economic grouping, may be regarded as originating in this other country."

The cumulative treatment under the Norwegian scheme means that a preference-receiving country exporting to Norway 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 if those materials had originated in the exporting country.

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It is the responsibility of the final exporting country to guarantee that the imported material used has, in fact, for the purpose of cumulation, originated according to the GSP rules of origin applied by Norway. The exporting country is responsible, upon request, for the verification of certificates. In specific cases the exporting country may also be requested to verify the origin of imported materials used in the production of the exported product.

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

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

(2) Goods in sets

On 1 January 1978, following the amendment of the CCC Nomenclature, Norway introduced, in its origin rules for the GSP, a special rule for goods put up into sets within the meaning of General Rule 3 of the CCC Nomenclature. For this purpose the following text has been added as a new paragraph (c) to Article 1 of the Norwegian origin rules for the GSP (L/4242/Add.2):

"Sets within the meaning of General Rule 3 of the Nomenclature shall be regarded as originating when all component articles are originating products. Nevertheless, when a set is composed of originating and non-originating articles, the set as a whole shall be regarded as originating provided that the value of the non-originating articles does not exceed 15 per cent of the total value of the set."

