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Addendum

For the information of contracting parties, the delegation of Norway has notified that Article 6 of the Regulations Concerning the Rules of Origin (cf. L/4242/Add.2) has been modified with effect from 1 July 1980 and that Note 6 has been added to the Explanatory Notes to the Regulations. The text of the new Article 6, which refers to transit arrangements with the EEC, and Note 6 are attached.

Article 6

1. Originating products within the meaning of these regulations are eligible on importation into Norway, to benefit from the tariff preferences specified in Article 1 on presentation of a certificate of origin Form A issued either by the Customs authorities or by other bodies authorized by the government of the exporting beneficiary country. However, originating products within the meaning of these regulations which are sent by post (including parcel post) may, provided that the consignments contain only originating products of a value not exceeding Nkr 7,200 per consignment, benefit from, on entry into Norway, the tariff preferences specified in Article 1, on presentation of a Form APR.
2. It is provided that the exporting beneficiary country assists the Customs authorities in Norway in verifying the authenticity of the certificates and forms in question and the accuracy of the information given.
3. Originating products within the meaning of these regulations shall be eligible on importation into Norway to benefit from tariff preferences specified in Article 1 on presentation of a certificate of origin Form A issued by the Customs authorities of a member country of the EEC on the basis of a certificate of origin Form A issued by the competent authorities of the exporting beneficiary country provided that the transit country and Norway apply similar origin rules for the goods concerned and that the goods have remained under the Customs authorities surveillance in the intermediary country and that the member country of the EEC concerned assists the Customs authorities in Norway in verifying the authenticity and accuracy of the certificates of origin Form A. The procedure laid down in Article 13.1 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

4. Originating products consigned to Norway via a member country of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) may benefit from preferential tariff treatment upon presentation of photocopies of certificates of origin Form A issued by the competent authorities of the exporting beneficiary country to a consignee in a member country of the European Free Trade Association, provided that the Customs authorities of the transit country concerned on the photocopies have certified the total number and kind of products re-exported to Norway and stated that the products have remained under the surveillance of the Customs authorities of that country.

5. The Customs authorities of Norway may endorse replacement certificates of origin Form A on the basis of a certificate of origin Form A issued by the competent authorities of a beneficiary country when products covered by the latter certificate are re-exported to a member country of the EEC provided that the goods have remained under the surveillance of the Customs authorities in Norway.

6. The Customs authorities of Norway may on the photocopies of certificates of origin Form A issued by competent authorities of a beneficiary country certify that the conditions, as specified under paragraph 4 of this Article have been fulfilled when products covered by such certificates are re-exported to Finland or Sweden.

7. Regulations as described under the paragraphs 3 and 5 of this Article shall also apply in the trade between Norway and member countries of the European Free Trade Association individually from the date the Norwegian authorities are instructed that similar regulations have been introduced in those countries.

Note 6 of the Explanatory Notes

1. The replacement certificate or certificates of origin Form A issued in application of the provisions laid down in Article 6 or 23 shall be regarded as a definite certificate of origin for the products referred to. The replacement certificate shall be issued on the basis of a written request by the importer.

2. The replacement certificate should indicate the State in which the products are considered as originating. One of the following endorsements should be made in Box No. 4 "erstatningssertifikat", "replacement certificate", "certificat de remplacement" as well as the date of issue of the original certificate of origin and its serial number. In Boxes 3 to 9 and 12 all endorsements appearing on the original certificate relating to the products re-exported should be made on the replacement certificate or certificates.

3. The Customs office which is requested to perform the operation should note on the original certificate the weights, numbers and nature of the goods forwarded and indicate thereon the serial numbers of the corresponding replacement certificate or certificates. The original certificate shall be kept for at least two years by the customs office concerned.
4. A photocopy of the original certificate may be annexed to the replacement certificate.

