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Addendum

The following communication dated 17 February from the delegation of Sweden is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

In accordance with the declaration made by the EFTA countries at the eighth session of the UNCTAD Special Committee on preferences in 1977, cumulative treatment has been introduced under the Swedish Scheme of Generalized Preferences as from 10 February 1978.

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 Sweden, 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 Government of Sweden, cumulative treatment shall not apply.

The cumulative treatment under the Swedish Scheme means that a preference-receiving country exporting to Sweden 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.

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 Sweden. The exporting country is responsible, upon request, for the verification of certificates. In specific cases the exporting country can also be requested to verify the origin of imported materials used in the production of the exported product.

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