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Country of Origin Marking: Iron or Steel Pipes and Tubes

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 12 September 1985, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada for circulation to contracting parties.

On 29 August 1985, the Government of Canada announced it has introduced a requirement that iron or steel pipes and tubes imported into Canada be marked individually with the country of origin. The purpose of this decision is to reduce the potential for pipes and tubes entering Canada to be diverted to the United States market as products of Canadian origin.

The acceptable methods of marking are die stamping, cast-in-mold lettering, etching, engraving or paint stencilling. In addition, small diameter pipes and tubes are allowed to be tagged in bundles.

The new requirement becomes effective on 3 October 1985. This delayed effective date is intended to provide foreign producers a reasonable amount of time to make any necessary adjustments. The administrative guidelines also contain provisions relating to merchandise in transit to Canada before the effective date and merchandise bundled before the effective date.

The Government of Canada is prepared to consult with contracting parties having a substantial interest in these products.

A copy of the Canadian Customs Notice is available in the secretariat for examination.