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#### Notification by Norway

#### Addendum

The following communication from the delegation of Norway, dated 17 July 1987, is circulated for the information of the contracting parties.

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I am pleased to inform you that, with effect from 15 July 1987, a number of changes has been introduced in Norway's GSP scheme, aiming at improved market access for developing countries.

The Norwegian Government has decided to extend the coverage of the scheme by adding seven products. Furthermore, four countries have been added to the list of least-developed countries. The least-developed countries will continue to enjoy full duty-free treatment for all products - agricultural and industrial - under the scheme. Other changes introduced in the GSP scheme relate to the lists of exceptions applying to certain beneficiaries and to a liberalization of the rules of origin.

A detailed description of the changes made in the scheme is contained in the annex.

FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF THE NORWEGIAN GSP SCHEME

In an effort to further improve the Norwegian GSP scheme, thereby contributing to improved market access for developing countries, the following changes are introduced in Norway's GSP scheme with effect from 15 July 1987:

1. Product coverage

a) Reduction of general exceptions

The following products are removed from the "negative" list of industrial products not covered by the Norwegian GSP scheme:

<u>CCCN No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
41.02	Bovine cattle leather (including buffalo leather) and equine leather
ex 51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No. 51.01 or 51.02
ex 53.11	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair
55.05	Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale
60.01	Knitted or crocheted fabric, not elastic nor rubberised
70.13	Glassware (other than articles falling in heading No. 70.19) of a kind commonly used for table, kitchen, toilet or office purposes, for indoor decoration or for similar uses
87.10	Cycles (including delivery tricycles), not motorised.

b) Changes in the additional lists of exceptions applying to certain beneficiaries:

(i) Bulgaria and Romania

The following products are removed from the special list of exceptions applying to Bulgaria and Romania:

<u>CCCN No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
ex 40.11	Rubber tyres, tyre cases for motor vehicles for the transport of persons and goods, including buses, interchangeable tyre treads, inner tubes and tyre flaps, for wheels of all kinds
42.02	Travel goods (for example: trunks, suit-cases, hat-boxes, travelling-bags, rucksacks), shopping-bags, handbags, satchels, brief-cases, wallets, purses, toilet-cases, tobacco-pouches, sheaths, cases, boxes (for example for arms, musical instruments, binoculars, jewellery, bottles, collars, footwear, brushes) and similar containers, of leather or of composition leather, of vulcanised fibre of artificial plastic sheeting, of paper-board or of textile fabric
85.20	Electric filament lamps and electric discharge lamps (including infra-red and ultra-violet lamps); arc lamps
85.23	Insulated (included enamelled or anodised) electric wire, cable, bars, strip and the like (including co-axial cable), whether or not fitted with connectors.

(ii) Hong Kong

The following products are removed from the special list of exceptions applying to Hong Kong:

<u>CCCN No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
ex 73.32	Wood screws and self-tapping metal screws (of the Parker type)
ex 74.14	Wood screws, of copper
ex 84.06	Marine diesel engines, less than 800 r.p.m., of an effective output of 700 h.p. and more; marine diesel engines, 800 r.p.m. and more, of an effective output of up to 99 h.p.

- 94.04 Mattress supports; articles of bedding or similar furnishing fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material or of expanded, foam or sponge rubber or expanded, foam or sponge artificial plastic material, whether or not covered (for example, mattresses, quilts, eiderdowns, cushions, pouffes and pillows)
- 98.01 Buttons and button moulds, studs, cuff-links, and press-fasteners, including snap-fasteners and press-studs; blanks and parts of such articles.

(iii) Republic of Korea

The following products are added to the special list of exceptions applying to the Republic of Korea:

<u>CCCN No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
ex 39.07	Loose covers for cars
ex 51.04	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous) including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No. 51.01 or 51.02
ex 62.05	Loose covers for cars.

2. Additions to the list of Least Developed Countries

Pursuant to decisions by the UN General Assembly, the following countries are added to the list of Least Developed Countries, which enjoy full duty free treatment for all products, agricultural and industrial, in the Norwegian scheme, regardless of the exceptions applying to other beneficiaries:

KIRIBATU, MAURITANIA, TUVALU, and VANUATU.

The countries eligible for such treatment are written with capital letters in the list of beneficiaries in the Norwegian scheme.

3. Liberalization of the rules of origin

- a) With reference to the Norwegian GSP origin regulations, Article 3 bis, the requirement that certificates of origin Form A in cases of cumulative acquisition of origin have to show that cumulation has occurred, is deleted. It is therefore no longer necessary to indicate in Box 4 of Form A that the exported products originate in the exporting country because of cumulation with the country or countries concerned. Since until now only the Member States of ASEAN have met the notification requirements with regard to cumulation under the Norwegian GSP rules of origin, only these countries are concerned with this change.
- b) The completion of Box 2 of the Certificate of Origin, Form A, is optional.
- c) With reference to the Norwegian GSP origin regulations Article 6, paragraph 1, the value limit for the use of Form APR is increased to NOK 16 000. With reference to Article 9, paragraph 2, in the same regulations, the value limit for products sent as small packages to private persons, not by way of trade, is increased to NOK 1 200. Further, the value limit for products forming part of travellers' personal luggage is increased to NOK 3 400.