

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES
2. Agency responsible: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury (355)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):  
Imported merchandise
5. Title: Proposed Customs Regulations Amendments Regarding Rules of Origin Applicable to Imported Merchandise (7 pages)
6. Description of content: This document proposes to amend the customs regulations to set forth a uniform rule governing the determination of the country of origin of imported merchandise which is wholly obtained or produced in a single country. The document also proposes to amend the customs regulations to establish rules, applicable for all purposes except for purposes of government procurement, anti-dumping actions, countervailing duty actions and certain duty-preference programmes, for determining the country of origin of imported base metals and articles of base metal which are not wholly obtained or produced in a single country and which are classifiable in chapters 72 through 83 of the harmonized tariff schedule of the United States.
7. Objective and rationale: To replace the present country of origin rules with more objective and transparent standards which will provide greater certainty and predictability for both the trade community and the customs service in making country of origin determinations required under existing laws and regulations.
8. Relevant documents: 56 FR 48448, 25 September 1991; 19 CFR parts 4, 10, 102, 134 and 177. Will be published in the Federal Register when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 25 November 1991
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: