Article 31
Accumulation

For the purposes of determining whether a good qualifies as an originating good of a Party, an originating good of the other Party which is used as a material in the production of the good in the former Party may be considered as an originating material of the former Party, provided that such good has undergone its last production process in the former Party which goes beyond the operations provided for in Article 33.

Article 32
De Minimis

Non-originating materials used in the production of a good that do not satisfy an applicable rule for the good shall be disregarded, provided that the totality of such materials does not exceed specific percentages in value or weight of the good. Such percentages shall be:

(a) in the case of a good classified under Chapters 15 through 24 (except 1604.20, 1605.20, 1605.90, 2101.11, 2101.20, 2106.10, 2106.90, 2207.10 and 2207.20), 2501.00, 2906.11, 2918.14, 2918.15, 2940.00, 3505.10, 3505.20, 3809.10 and 3824.60 of the Harmonized System, 7 percent in value of the good;

(b) in the case of a good classified under Chapters 28 through 49 (except 2905.44, 2906.11, 2918.14, 2918.15, 2940.00, 3502.11, 3502.19, 3505.10, 3505.20, 3809.10, 3824.60, 4601.29, 4601.94 and 4602.19) and 64 through 97 of the Harmonized System, 10 percent in value of the good; and

(c) in the case of a good classified under Chapters 50 through 63 (except 5001.00, 5003.00, heading 51.02, 51.03, 52.01 through 52.03, 53.01 and 53.02) of the Harmonized System, 7 percent in weight of the good.

Note 1: For the purposes of this Article, the term "value of the good" means the free-on-board value of the good referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 30 or the value set out in paragraph 2 of that Article.

Note 2: For the purposes of this Article, "Harmonized System" is that on which the product specific rules set out in Annex 2 are based.

Note 3: This Article shall not be applied in calculating the qualifying value content set out in Article 30.

Article 33
Non-Qualifying Operations

A good shall not be considered to be an originating good of the exporting Party merely by reason of having undergone the following:

(a) operations to ensure the preservation of products in good condition during transport and storage (such as drying, freezing, keeping in brine, removal of damaged parts) and other similar operations;

(b) changes of packaging and breaking up and assembly of packages;

(c) disassembly;

(d) placing in bottles, cases, boxes and other simple packaging operations;

(e) collection of parts and components classified as a good pursuant to Rule 2(a) of the General Rules for the Interpretation of the Harmonized System;

(f) simple operations consisting of removal of dust, sifting or screening, sorting, classifying, matching (including the making-up of sets of articles), washing, painting;

(g) simple cutting, slicing and repacking or placing in bottles, flasks, bags or boxes, fixing on cards or boards, and all other simple packing operations;

(h) affixing or printing marks, labels and other like distinguishing signs on products or their packaging;