(b) if such value is unknown and cannot be ascertained, shall be the first ascertainable price paid for the material in the Party, but may exclude all the costs incurred in the Party in transporting the material from the warehouse of the supplier of the material to the place where the producer is located such as freight, insurance and packing as well as any other known and ascertainable cost incurred in the Party.

4. For the purposes of calculating the qualifying value content of a good to determine whether the good qualifies as an originating good of a Party:

(a) V.N.M. of the good under subparagraph 1(a) shall not include the value of non-originating materials used in the production of originating materials of the Party which are used in the production of the good; and

(b) V.O.M. of the good under subparagraph 1(b) shall include the value of non-originating materials used in the production of originating materials of the Party which are used in the production of the good.

5. For the purposes of subparagraph 2(b) or 3(a), in applying the Agreement on Customs Valuation to determine the value of a good or a material, the Agreement on Customs Valuation shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to domestic transactions or to the cases where there is no transaction of the good or the material.

Article 3.5
Accumulation

For the purposes of determining whether a good qualifies as an originating good of a Party:

(a) 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;

(b) the production in the other Party may be considered as that in the former Party; and

(c) the production carried out at different stages by one or more producers within the Party or in the other Party may be taken into account, when the good is produced using non-originating materials,

provided that such good has undergone its last production process in the exporting Party and such production process goes beyond the operations provided for in Article 3.7.

Article 3.6
De Minimis

1. For the application of the product specific rules set out in Annex 2, 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 percentage in value, weight or volume of the good and such percentage is set out in the applicable product specific rule for the good.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to a non-originating material used in the production of a good provided for in Chapters 1 through 24 of the Harmonized System, except where such non-originating material is provided for in a subheading which is different from that of the good for which the origin is being determined under this Article.

Article 3.7
Non-Qualifying Operations

1. A good shall not be considered as an originating good of a Party merely by reason of:

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

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

(c) disassembly;