ANNEX 3-A

INTRODUCTORY NOTES TO PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES OF ORIGIN

Note 1

General principles

1. This Annex sets out the general rules for the applicable requirements of Annex 3-B provided for in subparagraph 1(c) of Article 3.2.

2. For the purposes of this Annex and Annex 3-B, the requirements for a product to be originating in accordance with subparagraph 1(c) of Article 3.2 are a change in tariff classification, a production process, a maximum value of non-originating materials, a minimum regional value content or any other requirement specified in this Annex and Annex 3-B.

3. Reference to weight in a product specific rule of origin means the net weight, which is the weight of a material or a product, not including the weight of packaging.

4. This Annex, Annex 3-B and Annex 3-C are based on the Harmonized System, as amended on 1 January 2017.

Note 2

The structure of Annex 3-B

1. Notes on Sections or Chapters, where applicable, are read in conjunction with the product specific rules of origin for the relevant Section, Chapter, heading or subheading.

2. Each product specific rule of origin set out in Column 2 of Annex 3-B applies to the corresponding product identified in Column 1 of Annex 3-B.

3. If a product is subject to alternative product specific rules of origin, the product shall be originating if it satisfies one of the alternatives. If a product is subject to a product specific rule of origin that includes multiple requirements, the product shall be originating only if it satisfies all of the requirements.

4. For the purposes of this Annex and Annex 3-B:

   (a) "Chapter" means the first two digits in the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System;

   (b) "heading" means the first four digits in the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System;

   (c) "Section" means a section of the Harmonized System; and

   (d) "subheading" means the first six digits in the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System.

5. For the purposes of product specific rules of origin, the following abbreviations apply:[1]

   (a) "CC" means production from non-originating materials of any Chapter, except that of the product, or a change to the Chapter, heading or subheading from any other Chapter; this means that all non-originating materials used in the production of the product must undergo a change in tariff classification at the two-digit level (i.e. a change in Chapter) of the Harmonized System.

[1] For greater certainty, if a requirement of a change in tariff classification provides for exception for a change from certain Chapters, headings or subheadings, none of the non-originating materials of those Chapters, headings or subheadings may be used, individually or jointly.