(a) **RVC40** means that the good must have a regional value content (hereinafter referred to as “RVC” in this Annex) of no less than 40 per cent as calculated under Article 3.5 (Calculation of Regional Value Content);

(b) **CC** means that all non-originating materials used in the production of the good have undergone a CTC at the two-digit level of the Harmonized System;

(c) **CTH** means that all non-originating materials used in the production of the good have undergone a CTC at the four-digit level of the Harmonized System;

(d) **CTSH** means that all non-originating materials used in the production of the good have undergone a CTC at the six-digit level of the Harmonized System;

(e) **WO** means wholly obtained or produced in a Party as provided in Article 3.3 (Goods Wholly Obtained or Produced). For greater certainty, where the rule for a good is WO, the good can still meet the requirements to be treated as an originating good by being produced in a Party exclusively from originating materials from one or more of the Parties in accordance with subparagraph (b) of Article 3.2 (Originating Goods); and

(f) **CR** means the chemical reaction rule. Any good that is a product of a chemical reaction shall be considered to be an originating good if the chemical reaction occurred in a Party. A “chemical reaction” is a process, including a biochemical process, which results in a molecule with a new structure by breaking intramolecular bonds and by forming new intramolecular bonds, or by altering the spatial arrangement of atoms in a molecule. The following are not considered to be chemical reactions for the purposes of this definition:

(i) dissolving in water or other solvents;

(ii) the elimination of solvents including solvent water; or

(iii) the addition or elimination of water of crystallisation.

8. Where a Product-Specific Rule provides a choice of rules from an RVC-based rule of origin, a CTC-based rule of origin, a specific manufacturing or processing operation, or a combination of any of these, each Party shall permit the exporter of a good to decide which rule to use in determining whether the good qualifies as an originating good.

9. This Annex is based on the 2012 Edition of the Harmonized System, which entered into force on 1 January 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “HS 2012” in this Annex).