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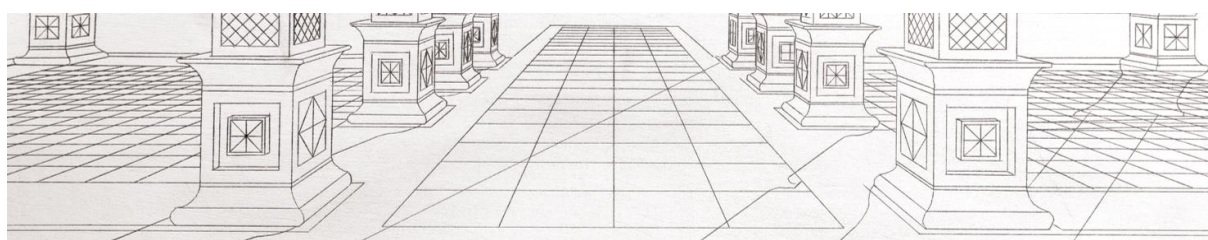
**Executive Workshop on Rules of Origin for
Least-Developed Countries (LDCs)**

09 - 10 October 2018

Florence, European University Institute



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Tuesday 09 October 2018

- 14:30 – 14:35 Opening remarks by the EUI and UNCTAD
- 14:35 – 14:45 Opening remarks by **Mr. Ghislain KONGBO-NGOMBE**, Permanent Mission of the Central African Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Coordinator of the WTO LDC Group
- 14:45 – 15:00 Presentation of the purpose and objectives of the workshop
Mr. Elia MTWEVE, Focal Point for Rules of Origin for the WTO LDC Group

Item 1: *Rules of Origin based on a change of tariff classification - examination of the existing methods (Nairobi Decision, Paragraph 1.2)*

- 15:00 – 15:45 Presentation by **Mr. Stefano INAMA**, UNCTAD
- 16:00 – 16:15 Q&A session
- 16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break**

Item 2: *Presentation of the note on utilization rates under preferential trade arrangements for Least Developed Countries under the LDC Duty Scheme (G/RO/W/168/Rev.2)*

- 16:30 – 17:15 Presentation by **Mr. Thomas VERBEET**, WTO Secretariat
- 17:15 – 17:30 Q&A session

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Item 3: *Examination of existing documentary requirements (certificates of origin, certificates of non-manipulation, self-certification, registered exporter system (REX) etc.) (Nairobi Decision, Paragraph 3.1)*

- 09:00 – 09:45 Presentation by **Mr. Stefano INAMA**, UNCTAD
- 09:45 – 10:00 Q&A session
- 10:00 – 10:30 Interactive discussion on documentary requirements with potential targeted questions/comments by preference granting countries
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break**

Item 4: *Using utilization rates as one indicator of the restrictiveness of Rules of Origin*

- 10:45 – 11:30 Updates on utilization rates
Presentation by **Mr. Stefano INAMA**, UNCTAD
- 11:30 – 11:45 Q&A session
- 11:45 – 12:30 Matters arising from notified utilization rates
Presentation by **Mr. Stefano INAMA**, UNCTAD
- 12:30 – 12:45 Q&A session
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 14:45 Linking available utilization rates with Rules of Origin
Presentation by **Mr. Stefano INAMA**, UNCTAD
- 14:45 – 15:00 Q&A session
- 15:00 – 15:30 Interactive discussion with potential targeted questions/comments by preference granting countries
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**

Item 5: *Summary and way forward*

- 15:45 – 16:15 Status of the preparation for the Committee on Rules of Origin
Mr. Darlan MARTI, WTO Secretariat
- 16:15 – 16:30 Q&A session
- 16:30 – 17:00 Roundtable with
Mr. Ghislain KONGBO-NGOMBE, Permanent Mission of the Central African Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Coordinator of the WTO LDC Group
Mr. Stefano INAMA, UNCTAD
Mr. Elia MTWEVE, Focal Point for Rules of Origin for the WTO LDC Group
- 17:00 – 17:15 Conclusion on the way forward