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Proposed Amendments to Certificate of Origin GSP Form A*

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The submission of the document is late due to the need to take into account developments in the preparatory process for UNCTAD XI.

Introduction

1. Following the enlargement of the European Union, the notes of the certificates of origin of the Generalized System of Preferences, Form A, should be amended as indicated below.

Chapter I

Proposed Changes to Take into Account the European Union's Enlargement

2. The proposed changes to GSP Form A are the following:

A. New title and new list in note 1

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NOTES (2004)

Pays qui acceptant la formule A aux fins du système des préférences généralisées (SPG):

Australie*	Fédération de Russie	Union européenne:	Italie	Autriche
Canada	République de Bélarus	Belgique	Chypre	Pologne
États-Unis d'Amérique***	République de Bulgarie	République tchèque	Lettonie	Portugal
Japon		Danemark	Lituanie	Slovénie
Norvège		Allemagne	Luxembourg	Slovaquie
Nouvelle-Zélande**		Estonie	Hongrie	Finlande
Suisse		Grèce	Malte	Suède
		Espagne	Pays-Bas	Royaume-Uni
		France		
		Irlande		

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NOTES (2004)

Countries which accept Form A for the purposes of the generalized system of preferences (GSP):

Australia*	Republic of Belarus	European Union:	Italy	Austria
Canada	Republic of Bulgaria	Belgium	Cyprus	Poland
Japan	Russian Federation	Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal
New Zealand**		Denmark	Lithuania	Slovenia
Norway		Germany	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Switzerland		Estonia	Hungary	Finland
United States of America***		Greece	Malta	Sweden
		Spain	Netherlands	United Kingdom
		France		
		Irland		

* For Australia, the main requirement is the exporter's declaration on the normal commercial invoice. Form A, accompanied by the normal commercial invoice, is an acceptable alternative, but official certification is not required.

** Official certification is not required.

*** The United States does not require GSP Form A. A declaration setting forth all pertinent detailed information concerning the production or manufacture of the merchandise is considered sufficient only if requested by the district collector of Customs.

B. Amendment of First Phrase of Note III(b)(4)

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"4. Bulgarie et Fédération de Russie: pour les produits avec valeur ajoutée..."

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"4. Bulgaria and the Russian Federation: for products which include value added..."

Chapter II

Transitional Arrangements

3. In order to utilize the remaining stocks of the GSP Form A with the 1996 notes, that form will be accepted until 31 May 2006.
