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The Parliament ratified the CIS Agreement introducing the new Rules for determining the country of origin of goods. These Rules would be applied in trade with CIS countries and for claiming exemption from customs duty under the free trade regime.

The Agreement extends the list of operations that do not fall under sufficient processing and thus do not render preferential origin (e.g., washing, cleaning, removing dust, coating with oxide, oil or other substances, painting or polishing).

The Agreement establishes grounds for rejecting the ST-1 certificate of origin by the customs authorities (e.g., incorrect form of ST-1 certificate, inaccurate information about the goods, improper signature, erasures, etc).

The new Rules would be effective for countries which ratified these Rules. According to information available to us, these countries include Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation and Tajikistan.

For Georgia and Belarus the Rules of Origin dated 30 November 2000 would be applied. The Rules of Origin dated 24 September 1993 continue to be effective for Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

The Law on Ratification of the Agreement will come into force in ten days after its official publication.

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