

**ANNEX 3A**  
**PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES OF ORIGIN**

**Part I – General Interpretative Notes**

1. For purposes of interpreting the rules of origin set forth in this Annex:
  - (a) the specific rule, or specific set of rules, that applies to a particular heading or subheading is set out immediately adjacent to the heading or subheading;
  - (b) the requirement of a change in tariff classification applies only to non-originating materials;
  - (c) where a specific rule of origin is defined using the criterion of a change in tariff classification, the rule will be considered to be met only if each of the non-originating materials used in the production of the good has undergone the change in tariff classification;
  - (d) where a specific rule of origin is defined using the criterion of a change in tariff classification, and it is written to exclude tariff provisions at the level of a chapter, heading, or subheading of the HS, it shall be construed to mean that the rule of origin requires that materials classified in those excluded provisions be originating for the good to qualify as originating; and
  - (e) when a heading or subheading is subject to alternative specific rules of origin, the rule will be considered to be met if a good satisfies one of the alternatives;

2. For purposes of this Annex:

**chapter** means a chapter of the HS;

**heading** means the first four digits in the tariff classification number under the HS;

**section** means a section of the HS; and

**subheading** means the first six digits in the tariff classification number under the HS.