RULES OF ORIGIN*

Rules of origin cover laws, regulations and administrative determinations of general application applied by government of importing countries to determine the country of origin of goods. Rules of origin are important in implementing such trade policy instruments as anti-dumping and countervailing duties, origin marking, and safeguard measures.

Example: Machinery products produced in a country is difficult to fulfil the rules of origin to qualify for the reduced tariff rate of the importing country, as the parts and materials originate in different countries.