

**JOINT DECLARATION CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF THE CHANGES TO THE ORIGIN
RULES AS A RESULT OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM**

Where, following the amendments made to the nomenclature, the changes to the origin rules as introduced by Decision No. DC 4/2001 alter the substance of any rule existing prior to Decision No. DC 4/2001, and it appears that such alteration results in a situation prejudicial to the interest of the sectors concerned, then, if one of the Member States so requests in the period up to and including 31 December 2004, an examination shall be made as a matter of urgency by the Council, of the need to restore the substance of the rule concerned as it was before Decision No. DC 4/2001.

In any case the Council shall decide to restore, or not to restore, the substance of the rule concerned within a period of three months of the request being made to it by either of the Member States.

If the substance of the rule concerned is restored, then the Member States shall also provide the legal framework necessary to ensure that any customs duties paid on the products concerned imported after 1 January 2002 can be reimbursed.
