

Headnotes to Appendix 1 (Product-Specific Rules of Origin)

1. The specific rule or specific set of rules that applies to a particular heading (4-digit code) or subheading (6-digit code) is set out immediately adjacent to the heading or subheading.
2. A rule applicable to a subheading shall take precedence over a rule applicable to the heading which is parent to that subheading.
3. Where a product-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 Harmonized System, 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 an originating good.
4. When a heading or subheading is subject to alternative product-specific rules of origin, the rule will be considered to be met if a good satisfies one of the alternatives.
5. Reference to weight in the rules for goods provided for in Chapter 1 through 24 of the Harmonized System means dry weight unless otherwise specified in the Harmonized System.
6. A requirement of a change in tariff classification applies only to non-originating materials.
7. For the purposes of Chapter 39, regional polymer content means the proportion by weight of the polymer that was formed or modified in the territories of the Parties.
8. The following definitions apply:
 - (a) **Chapter** means a chapter of the Harmonized System;
 - (b) **Heading** means the first four digits in the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System;
 - (c) **Section** means a section of the Harmonized System; and
 - (d) **Subheading** means the first six digits in the tariff classification number under the Harmonized System.