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PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ACCESSION  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

Question from the UNITED STATES to CHINA  
concerning Rules of Origin

The following communication, dated 19 August 2005, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

Notifications

On 3 September 2004, the State Council issued the long-awaited *Regulations on the Place of Origin for Imported and Exported Goods*, effective 1 January 2005. These regulations supersede the *Rules on the Place of Origin for Exported Goods* issued by the State Council in 1992 and the *Interim Provisions on the Place of Origin for Imported Goods* issued by the General Administration of Customs in 1986. It is our understanding that China has issued these new regulations in an effort to bring its laws, regulations and other measures into conformity with the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin, as China committed to do in paragraph 102 of the Working Party Report accompanying its Protocol of Accession. When does China intend to notify the new regulations to this Committee?