

Customs Notice

Ottawa, November 16, 2000

Subject

Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Least Developed Country Tariff) and Regulations Amending the General Preferential Tariff and Least Developed Country Tariff Rules of Origin Regulations

1. The Least Developed Country Tariff (LDCT) provides duty-free access for a wide range of products from countries considered by the United Nations to be the “least developed” of developing countries.
2. Products from the LDCT beneficiary countries are eligible for duty-free entry only when eligible for the General Preferential Tariff (GPT), which provides tariff preferences for all developing countries. Most textiles, apparel and footwear, a few industrial goods, refined sugar, and certain agricultural products are not eligible for the GPT. In addition, in order to qualify for the LDCT preferential treatment, at least 40% of the ex-factory price of the goods as packed for shipment to Canada had to originate in a LDCT beneficiary country or Canada.
3. The order amending the *Customs Tariff* extends duty-free treatment to 570 additional tariff items. The improved product coverage would not cover “over access quota” agricultural products, refined sugar, or currently excluded textiles, apparel, and footwear items. Among those items eligible for inclusion are certain chemical products, iron and non-alloy steel, prepared foods such as pasta, confectionery products, beverages, cut flowers, and crustaceans.
4. The regulations amending the rules of origin regulations liberalize the origin requirements for the LDCT treatment. The existing 40% of the ex-factory price of the goods packed for shipment to Canada can now include a value of up to 20% of the ex-factory price of the goods from other developing countries. This measure allows for an expansion of the products imported from these countries benefiting from the LDCT.
5. The Appendices to this notice contain the statutory instruments P.C. 2000-1348, SOR/2000-334, *Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Least Developed Country Tariff)* and P.C. 2000-1349, SOR/2000-335, *Regulations Amending the General Preferential Tariff and Least Developed Country Tariff Rules of Origin Regulations*. The electronic versions of the statutory instruments are available on the Department of Justice Canada Web site at: **www.canada.justice.gc.ca**
6. These tariff measures are effective since September 1st, 2000.
7. Should you require further information, please contact:

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APPENDICES A AND B

The order and regulations are not reproduced here, but these can be obtained from the *Canada Gazette*, volume 134, number 28, published Saturday, July 8, 2000, or by accessing the *Canada Gazette* Web site at: http://canada.gc.ca/gazette/gazette_e.html