

ARTICLE 7

For the purposes of this Annex, the following will not be considered as processes of substantial transformation, whether or not an origin requirement has been fulfilled:

- a) operations to ensure the preservation of goods or products during transportation or storage, such as ventilation, refrigeration, freezing, addition of preservatives or salt, removal of damaged parts and the like;
- b) operations such as dust removal, washing or cleaning, sifting, peeling, shelling, winnowing, maceration, drying, sorting, classification, grading, selection, crushing, filtering, diluting in water, painting or cutting-up;
- c) the simple formation of sets of goods;
- d) the packing, placing in containers or repackaging;
- e) the dividing up or assembly of packages;
- f) the affixing of brands, labels, or other similar distinctive signs;
- g) the simple mixture of materials, if the characteristics of the product obtained are not essentially different from the characteristics of the materials which have been mixed;
- h) the slaughter of animals;
- i) the simple addition of oil;
- j) the carrying out of two or more of the operations at (a) to (i) above.