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The impact of non-preferential rules of origin in today's trading environment



Harmonisation: benefits

- Substantial transformation test would be clarified
 - legal certainty
- Import v. export dilemma
- Rules would be available in every jurisdiction

Harmonisation: challenges

What are non-preferential origin rules used for?

- Origin at time of import/export declarations
- Trade policy measures
- Labelling: “Made in ...”
 - Harmonisation possible?

Harmonisation example: EU

- Substantial transformation test remains the general rule
- Specific non-preferential origin rules only for certain products
- Initial attempt to have a specific origin rule for each and every product failed.

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