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The Handbook is based on the following information sources: The Act on Customs Duties and Movement of Goods (2007-12-21 no. 119); The Regulations on the Act on Customs Duties and Movement of Goods (2008-12-17 no. 1502); The Regulation on the safety mechanism for importing agricultural products from developing countries covered by the GSP scheme (2008-03-07 no. 228); The Regulation on the allocation on tariff quotas for agriculture products (2008-10-10 no. 1132); Review of Norway's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) for import of goods from developing countries of the Norwegian Ministry of foreign affairs (October 2012); Notification of preferential rules of origin for least developed countries: Norway (World Trade Organization, 2017).

Products are described in terms of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, commonly known as the Harmonized System, upon which the Norway customs acts are based. However, matters involving technical interpretation of the GSP will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Norway customs acts and regulations.

Although based on official texts, the Handbook cannot be regarded as a substitute for the aforementioned texts. For more detailed information, authentic and up-to-date legal texts should be consulted.

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