

- **minor processing** means, with respect to a good:
 - (a) mere dilution with water or any other substance that does not materially alter the characteristics of the good,
 - (b) cleaning, including removal of rust, grease, paint or any other coating,
 - (c) applying any preservative or decorative coating, including any lubricant, protective encapsulation, preservative or decorative paint, or metallic coating,
 - (d) trimming, filing or cutting off small amounts of excess material,
 - (e) packing or repacking of the good for transport, storage or sale,
 - (f) packaging or repackaging of the good for retail sale,
 - (g) repairs or alterations, washing, laundering or sterilizing,
 - (h) textile decorative processes incidental to the production of textile goods, other than apparel, such as edge pinking, whipping, folding and rolling, fringing, fringe knotting, piping, bordering, minor embroidery, hemstitching, embossing, dyeing or printing, or other similar processes, or
 - (i) ornamental or finishing operations incidental to apparel assembly and designed to enhance the marketing appeal or the ease of care of the good, such as embroidery, hemstitching, sewn appliqué work, stone or acid washing, printing, piece dyeing, preshrinking, permanent pressing, the attachment of accessories, notions, trimmings or findings, or other similar operations;
- **non-originating good or material** means a good or material that does not qualify as originating under this Chapter;
- **point of direct shipment** means the location from which a producer of a good normally ships that good to the buyer of the good;
- **packaging materials and containers** means materials and containers in which a good is packaged for retail sale;
- **packing materials and containers** means materials and containers that are used to protect a good during transportation, but does not include packaging materials and containers;
- **producer** means a person who grows, mines, harvests, fishes, traps, hunts, manufactures, processes or assembles a good;
- **production** means growing, mining, harvesting, fishing, trapping, hunting, manufacturing, processing or assembling a good;
- **self-produced material** means a material that is produced by the producer of a good and used in the production of that good;
- **similar materials** means, with respect to a material, materials that, although not alike in all respects, have similar characteristics and component materials that enable the materials to perform the same functions and to be commercially interchangeable with that material when used in the production of a good;