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Referred to in Article 8

Notwithstanding Article 8 (National treatment on internal taxation and regulation), until 31 December 2003, Mexico may maintain the "Decreto para el Fomento y Modernización de la Industria Automotriz" (Decree for Development and Modernisation of the Automotive Industry) of 11 December 1989, as amended on 31 May 1995, provided that it is applied consistently with Mexico's rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement, and in a manner that does not afford less favourable treatment to products imported from an EFTA State than to products imported from any other country, including countries with which Mexico has concluded an agreement notified under Article XXIV of GATT 1994.