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ANNEX 1

**ANNEX**

**Attachment**

**to the**

**proposal for a Council Decision**

**on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Turkey Association Council as regards the replacement of Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which, as regards the rules of origin, refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin**

**Draft**

**DECISION No ... OF THE EU-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

**of**

**replacing Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation**

THE EU-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 4 of Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products ('the Decision') refers to Protocol 3 to the Decision ('Protocol 3') which lays down the rules of origin and provides for cumulation of origin between the European Union, Turkey and other Contracting Parties to the Convention.
- (2) Article 39 of Protocol 3 provides that the EU-Turkey Association Council may decide to amend the provisions of this protocol.
- (3) The Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin<sup>2</sup> ('the Convention') aims to replace the protocols on rules of origin currently in force among the countries of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean area with a single legal act.
- (4) The European Union and Turkey signed the Convention on 15 June 2011 and 4 November 2011 respectively.
- (5) The European Union and Turkey deposited their instruments of acceptance with the depositary of the Convention on 26 March 2012 and 4 December 2013 respectively. Consequently, in application of Article 10(3) of the Convention, the Convention entered into force in relation to the European Union and Turkey on 1 May 2012 and on 1 February 2014 respectively.
- (6) The Convention has included the participants in the Stabilisation and Association Process in the pan-Euro-Mediterranean zone of cumulation of origin.
- (7) Protocol 3 should therefore be replaced by a new protocol making reference to the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 86, 20.3.1998, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the trade regime for agricultural products, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation shall be replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall apply from ...

Done at

*For the EU-Turkey Association Council  
The President*

*ANNEX*

**Protocol 3**

**concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation**

*Article 1*

**Applicable rules of origin**

1. For the purpose of implementing this Decision, Appendix I and the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin<sup>1</sup> ('the Convention') shall apply.
2. All references to the 'relevant agreement' in Appendix I and in the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin shall be construed so as to mean this Decision.

*Article 2*

**Dispute settlement**

1. Where disputes arise in relation to the verification procedures of Article 32 of Appendix I to the Convention that cannot be settled between the customs authorities requesting the verification and the customs authorities responsible for carrying out that verification, they shall be submitted to the EU-Turkey Association Council.
2. In all cases the settlement of disputes between the importer and the customs authorities of the importing country shall take place under the legislation of that country.

*Article 3*

**Amendments to the Protocol**

The EU-Turkey Association Council may decide to amend the provisions of this Protocol.

*Article 4*

**Withdrawal from the Convention**

1. Should either the European Union or Turkey give notice in writing to the depositary of the Convention of their intention to withdraw from the Convention according to Article 9 thereof, the European Union and Turkey shall immediately enter into negotiations on rules of origin for the purpose of implementing this Decision.
2. Until the entry into force of such newly negotiated rules of origin, the rules of origin contained in Appendix I and, where appropriate, the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Convention, applicable at the moment of withdrawal, shall continue to apply to this Decision. However, as of the moment of withdrawal, the rules of origin contained in Appendix I and, where appropriate, the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Convention shall be construed so as to allow bilateral cumulation between the European Union and Turkey only.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

*Article 5*

**Transitional provisions – cumulation**

Notwithstanding Articles 16(5) and 21(3) of Appendix I to the Convention, where cumulation involves only EFTA States, the Faroe Islands, the European Union, Turkey and the participants in the Stabilisation and Association Process, the proof of origin may be a movement certificate EUR.1 or an origin declaration.