

Pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin. Regional Convention

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2013/94/EU on the conclusion of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

CONTENT: under this Decision, the **Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin** is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union. The text of the Convention is attached to this Decision.

To recall, on 26 November 2009 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the EFTA States, the participants in the Barcelona Process, the participants in the Stabilisation and Association Process and the Faroe Islands on the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin. On 9 December 2009 the text of the Convention was endorsed by the Euromed Trade Ministers at their Conference held in Brussels. The Convention was signed on behalf of the European Union on 14 April 2011.

This Convention lays down the provisions regarding the origin of goods traded in the context of the relevant free-trade agreements concluded between Contracting Parties.

The concept of '**originating products**' and the methods of **administrative cooperation** to be applied between partners are defined in the Convention.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26/03/2012.