EU/Norway Agreement: cumulation of origin between the EU, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the generalised system of preferences

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PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion of an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Norway on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey under the European Union's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2019/116 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Turkey in the framework of the Generalised System of Preferences.

CONTENT: the Council approved, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Norway on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey under the European Union's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP).

With this agreement, certain products with content of Norwegian, Swiss or Turkish origin are to be treated on their arrival on the customs territory of the Union as products with content of Union origin.

The rules of origin in the GSP of the Union, as reformed in 2010, provide for the implementation of a new system for the establishment of proofs of origin by registered exporters, which is to be applied from 1 January 2017.

In order to anticipate the application of this new system and the rules relating to it, the Council authorised the Commission, on 8 March 2012, to negotiate with Norway an agreement in the form of an exchange of letters on the mutual acceptance of alternative certificates of origin Form A or alternative declarations of origin, providing that products with a content of Norwegian, Swiss or Turkish origin shall be treated on arrival in the customs territory of the Union as products incorporating an element of Union origin.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15.10.2018.