

**Basic information**

2010/0093(NLE)

NLE - Non-legislative enactments  
Decision

Procedure completed

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

**Subject**

6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin  
6.20.05 Multilateral and plurilateral economic and trade agreements and relations

**Geographical area**

- Albania
- Algeria
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Faroese
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Iceland
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/1999
- Lebanon
- Liechtenstein
- Montenegro, from 06/2006
- Morocco
- Norway
- Palestine
- Serbia, from 06/2006
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Tunisia
- Türkiye

**Key players**

European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">INTA</span> International Trade		MENÉNDEZ DEL VALLE Emilio (S&D)	01/06/2010
			Shadow rapporteur SAÏFI Tokia (PPE)	
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">AFET</span> Foreign Affairs		PEILLON Vincent (S&D)	10/06/2010

Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	General Affairs	3158	2012-03-26
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>
	Taxation and Customs Union		ŠEMETA Algirdas

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/04/2010	Preparatory document	COM(2010)0172 	Summary
21/06/2010	Legislative proposal published	11343/2010	Summary
13/09/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/01/2012	Vote in committee		
01/02/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0026/2012	Summary
16/02/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0061/2012	Summary
16/02/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/02/2012	Debate in Parliament		
26/03/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/03/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/02/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Decision
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	INTA/7/02793

Documentation gateway
<b>European Parliament</b>

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE452.637</a>	25/11/2010	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">AFET</a>	<a href="#">PE467.263</a>	12/10/2011	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE478.616</a>	20/12/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0026/2012</a>	01/02/2012	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0061/2012</a>	16/02/2012	<a href="#">Summary</a>

#### Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">09429/2010</a>	18/06/2010	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">11343/2010</a>	21/06/2010	<a href="#">Summary</a>

#### European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2010)0168</a> 	21/04/2010	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Preparatory document	<a href="#">COM(2010)0172</a> 	21/04/2010	<a href="#">Summary</a>

#### Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

#### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 2013/0094</a> <a href="#">OJ L 054 26.02.2013, p. 0003</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
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## Pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin. Regional Convention

2010/0093(NLE) - 21/06/2010 - Legislative proposal

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

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: 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 Stabilization 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.

In accordance with a Council Decision and subject to its conclusion at a later date, the Convention was signed on behalf of the European Union.

It is now necessary to conclude the Convention on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: under the proposed Decision, the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

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

- the 27 Member States of the European Union,
- the EFTA States (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein),
- the Faroe Islands
- the participants in the Barcelona Process (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Palestine),
- the participants in the Stabilization and Association Process (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia , as well as Kosovo).

The Convention defines the concept of **originating products** and the methods of **administrative cooperation** to be applied between partners.

For further details on the main points of the Convention, please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 21/04/2010.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no budgetary implication for the Union budget.

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

2010/0093(NLE) - 21/04/2010 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: the **conclusion** of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: at present, the pan-Euro-Mediterranean cumulation zone includes the European Union, the EFTA States, the participants in the Barcelona Process and the Faroe Islands.

The pan-Euro-Mediterranean system of cumulation of origin is made up of a multiplicity of agreements, setting out, among other things, free trade provisions based on a network of identical rules of origin allowing for diagonal cumulation, among the countries of the zone. This cumulation zone is bound to grow in the future.

Since the implementation of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean system of cumulation, the difficulties with the management of the current system of individual protocols have increased. Any amendment to a protocol applicable between two partner countries of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean zone implies identical amendments to each and every protocol applicable within the zone. The European Commission therefore launched the idea of basing the diagonal cumulation of origin on **a single legal instrument** in the form of a regional convention on preferential rules of origin to which the individual free trade agreements applicable between the countries of the zone would refer.

It was only in 2007 that Ministers agreed to start the drafting of a single convention on preferential rules of origin for the pan-Euro-Mediterranean area in order to replace the current network of protocols on rules of origin. They also decided to include the participants in the Stabilisation and Association Process in this cumulation zone.

On 26 November 2009, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with all the parties concerned. All the negotiating directives were fulfilled. The final text of the Convention was endorsed by the Euromed Trade Ministers at their Conference held on 9 December 2009 in Brussels.

The Commission now calls on the Council to approve the Convention in the name of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASE: Article 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: this proposal relates to the **conclusion of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin** in the name of the EU. This Convention lays down the provisions regarding the origin of goods traded in the context of the relevant free-trade agreements concluded between the following Contracting Parties:

- the 27 Member States of the European Union,
- the EFTA States (Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein),
- the Faroe Islands

- the participants in the Barcelona Process (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Palestine),
- the participants in the Stabilization and Association Process (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia , as well as Kosovo, under UNSC Resolution 1244/99).

**Main provisions:** the Convention defines the concept of ‘**originating products**’ and the methods of **administrative cooperation** to be applied between partners. These provisions are set out in the Appendixes to the Convention.

The Convention also allows for:

- a more effective management of the system of pan-Euro-Mediterranean cumulation;
- an easier procedure for the amendment of rules of origin;
- existing provisions which are not common to all future contracting parties to be catered for;
- the possible future extension of the geographical scope of cumulation to neighbouring countries and territories.

**Joint Committee:** the Convention establishes a **Joint Committee** which will be empowered to amend its provisions and to decide on any future accession. The provisions of the Convention may be amended to take account of economic realities by the Joint Committee acting by unanimity.

It should be noted that one of the stated objectives of the Convention is to move towards the **application of identical rules of origin** for the purpose of cumulation of origin for goods traded between all Contracting Parties.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the proposal has no implication for the Union’s budget.

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

2010/0093(NLE) - 21/04/2010 - Document attached to the procedure

PURPOSE: the **signature** of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: at present, the pan-Euro-Mediterranean cumulation zone includes the European Union, the EFTA States, the participants in the Barcelona Process and the Faroe Islands.

The pan-Euro-Mediterranean system of cumulation of origin is made up of a multiplicity of agreements, setting out, among other things, free trade provisions based on a network of identical rules of origin allowing for diagonal cumulation, among the countries of the zone. This cumulation zone is bound to grow in the future.

Since the implementation of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean system of cumulation, the difficulties with the management of the current system of individual protocols have increased. Any amendment to a protocol applicable between two partner countries of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean zone implies identical amendments to each and every protocol applicable within the zone. The European Commission therefore launched the idea of basing the diagonal cumulation of origin on **a single legal instrument** in the form of a regional convention on preferential rules of origin to which the individual free trade agreements applicable between the countries of the zone would refer.

It was only in 2007 that Ministers agreed to start the drafting of a single convention on preferential rules of origin for the pan-Euro-Mediterranean area in order to replace the current network of protocols on rules of origin. They also decided to include the participants in the Stabilisation and Association Process in this cumulation zone.

On 26 November 2009, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with all the parties concerned. All the negotiating directives were fulfilled.

The Commission now calls on the Council to **authorise the signature of the Convention** in the name of the European Union.

LEGAL BASE: Article 207(4) first subparagraph in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: this proposal relates to the authorisation of the Council to designate a person/those persons **to sign, in the name of the EU, the regional Convention** on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

The final text of the Convention was endorsed by the Euromed Trade Ministers at their Conference held on 9 December 2009 in Brussels. The Convention must now be signed by the negotiator on behalf of the European Union, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

For further information regarding the content of the Convention, please refer to the summary of the initial proposal (COM(2010)0172).

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

2010/0093(NLE) - 26/03/2012 - Final act

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.

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

2010/0093(NLE) - 01/02/2012 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on International Trade adopted the report by Emilio MENÉNDEZ del VALLE (S&D, ES) in which it recommends the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

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

2010/0093(NLE) - 16/02/2012 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 528 votes to 51, with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

Parliament has given its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.