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THE EUROPEAN UNION  
AND CENTRAL AMERICA**

**The Association Council**

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**LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject:	DECISION OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL introducing Explanatory Notes to Articles 15, 16, 19, 20 and 30 of Annex II (Concerning Definition of the Concept of 'Originating Products' and Methods of Administrative Cooperation) of the Agreement regarding the Movement Certificate EUR.1, invoice declarations, approved exporters and verification of proofs of origin
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**DECISION No .../...**  
**OF THE EU-CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

of ...

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(Concerning Definition of the Concept of ‘Originating Products’  
and Methods of Administrative Cooperation) of the Agreement regarding  
the Movement Certificate EUR.1, invoice declarations, approved exporters  
and verification of proofs of origin**

THE EU CENTRAL AMERICA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an association between Central America, on the one hand, and the European Union and its Member States, on the other (‘the Agreement’), and in particular Article 37 of Annex II thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Annex II to the Agreement concerns the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative co-operation.
- (2) According to Article 37 of Annex II to the Agreement, the Parties shall agree Explanatory Notes regarding the interpretation, application and administration of Annex II within the Sub-Committee on Customs, Trade Facilitation and Rules of Origin and recommend their approval by the Association Council.
- (3) As the movement certificate EUR.1. set out in Appendix 3 to Annex II to the Agreement is only a specimen, minor differences might occur in the forms printed by the different authorities. It should be clarified that such differences should not have as a consequence that certificates are rejected.
- (4) Furthermore, in order to ensure that such minor differences do not cause difficulties in relation to the acceptance of movement certificates EUR.1. and in order to ensure a harmonised interpretation by the competent public authorities of the Parties, guidance should be provided on the required content of the movement certificate EUR.1.

- (5) The explanatory notes relating to the filling-in instructions of the movement certificates EUR.1 contained in the Annex of this Decision provide guidance. However, they should be read in conjunction with the explanatory notes relating to Articles 16 (1) (b) and 30 contained in the Annex to this Decision as concerns the grounds for rejecting a movement certificate EUR.1 for technical reasons and refusal of preferential treatment without verification.
- (6) Guidance is provided as regards to the application of the provisions concerning the invoice declaration, the basis of applying the value limit for any exporter to make out an invoice declaration, and for the authorisation and monitoring of approved exporters.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Explanatory Notes relating to Articles 15, 16, 19, 20 and 30 of Annex II (Concerning the Definition of the Concept of ‘Originating Products’ and Methods of Administrative Co-operation) to the Agreement regarding the Movement Certificate EUR.1, invoice declarations, approved exporters and verification of proofs of origin contained in the Annex to this Decision are approved.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force 180 days after that day of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Association Council,*

*For the CA Party,*

*For the EU Party,*

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