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THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND MOROCCO**

The Association Council

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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EU-MOROCCO ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
amending Protocol 4, concerning the definition of the concept of
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and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part**

THE EU-MOROCCO ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part¹, and in particular Article 5 of Protocol 4 thereto concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation,

¹ OJ EU L 70, 18.3.2000, p. 2, ELI:<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2000/204/oj>.

Whereas:

- (1) Article 29 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part (the ‘Association Agreement’), refers to Protocol 4 to that Agreement (‘Protocol 4’), which lays down the rules of origin.
- (2) Article 5 of Protocol 4 provides that the Association Council may decide to amend the provisions of Protocol 4.
- (3) The Joint Declaration concerning Protocol 4 specifies that products originating in Western Sahara which are subject to controls by the customs authorities of the Kingdom of Morocco benefit from the same trade preferences as those granted by the European Union to the products covered by the Association Agreement and that Protocol 4 applies *mutatis mutandis* for the purposes of defining the originating status of these products, including with regard to proof of origin, except as provided for in decisions of the Association Council.
- (4) Within the framework of the agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, concluded on 3 October 2025.

- (5) Protocol 4 should be amended in order to provide for the amendments necessary to ensure both its applicability to products originating in Western Sahara and the continuation of trade, in particular for the fruit and vegetables sector and the fisheries sector,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

A Title III is added to Protocol 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation:

‘Title III

Provisions on the Joint Declaration concerning the application of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part

Article 8

Exceptions to the application *mutatis mutandis* of Protocol 4

When applying the Convention and the transitional rules,

The terms “its vessels” and “its factory ships” in Title II of the Convention and in the transitional rules refer to a Member State of the Union, Morocco or Western Sahara.

The provisions of Title III of the Convention and of the transitional rules shall not be affected by any working, processing or modification in Morocco or consignments exported from Morocco to the Union.

The proofs of origin shall be completed as follows:

In the movement certificate EUR.1:

In box 2 “Certificate used in preferential trade between ... and ...”, a reference to the “Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the EU and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement of ... 2025” is to be entered.

Box 4 “Country, group of countries or territory in which the products are considered as originating” is to be left blank.

References to “Dakhla Oued Ed-Dahab” or “Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra”, as appropriate, are to be entered in Box 7 “Remarks”.

In the origin declaration, references to “Dakhla Oued Ed-Dahab” or “Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra”, as appropriate, are to be entered in connection with footnote (2) of the annexes on the text of the origin declaration.’

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 3 October 2025.

Done at Brussels,

For the Association Council

The President

ANNEX

Specimen of movement certificate EUR.1

1. Exporter (Name, address, country) <i>(No change)</i>	EUR.1 No A 000.000		
See notes overleaf before completing this form.			
3. Consignee (Name, address, country) (Optional) <i>(No change)</i>	2. Certificate used in preferential trade between and Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part <i>(Insert appropriate countries, groups of countries or territories)</i>		
	4. Country, group of countries or territory in which the products are considered as originating <i>(Leave blank)</i>	5. Country, group of countries or territory of destination <i>(No change)</i>	
	6. Transport details (Optional) <i>(No change)</i>		
7. Remarks <i>Reference to the regional origin (Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra, Dakhla Oued Ed-Dahab)</i>			
8. Item number; Marks and numbers; Number and kind of packages ¹ ; Description of goods ² <i>(No change)</i>	9. Gross mass (kg) or other measure (litres, m ³ , etc.) <i>(No change)</i>	10. Invoices (Optional) <i>(No change)</i>	

Specimen of the origin declaration

English version

The exporter of the products covered by this document (customs authorisation No ...⁽¹⁾) declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of preferential origin.

Reference to the regional origin (Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra, Dakhla Oued Ed-Dahab)⁽²⁾.

.....
(Place and date)⁽³⁾
.....

(Signature of the exporter; in addition, the name of the person
signing the declaration has to be indicated in clear script)⁽⁴⁾

- (1) When the origin declaration is made out by an approved exporter, the authorisation number of the approved exporter must be entered in this space. When the origin declaration is not made out by an approved exporter, the words in brackets shall be omitted or the space left blank.
 - (2) Origin of products to be indicated. When the origin declaration relates, in whole or in part, to products originating in Ceuta and Melilla, the exporter must clearly indicate them in the document on which the declaration is made out, by means of the symbol 'CM'.
 - (3) These indications may be omitted if the information is contained on the document itself.
 - (4) In cases where the exporter is not required to sign, the exemption of signature also implies the exemption of the name of the signatory.
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