

**DECISION No 2/2024**  
**OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERIM FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY**

**amending the Agreement**  
**between the Republic of Türkiye and the Palestine Liberation Organization for the Benefit of**  
**the Palestinian Authority,**  
**by replacing Protocol II thereto concerning the definition**  
**of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation**

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the Republic of Türkiye (hereinafter Türkiye) and Palestine Liberation Organization for the Benefit of the Palestinian Authority (hereinafter the State of Palestine) and in particular Article 3 of Protocol II thereto concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 20 of the Agreement between Türkiye and the State of Palestine, refers to Protocol II to that Agreement ("Protocol II"), which lays down the rules of origin.
- (2) Article 3 of Protocol II provides that the Joint Committee established by Article 42(1) of the Agreement may decide to amend the provisions of Protocol II.
- (3) The Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin<sup>1</sup> (the Convention) aims to transpose the existing bilateral systems of rules of origin established in bilateral free trade agreements concluded among the Contracting Parties to the Convention into a multilateral framework, without prejudice to the principles laid down in those bilateral agreements.
- (4) Türkiye and the State of Palestine signed the Convention on 04/11/2011 and 18/09/2013 respectively.



- (5) Türkiye and the State of Palestine deposited their instruments of acceptance with the depositary of the Convention on 04/12/2013 and 27/05/2014 respectively. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 10(3) of the Convention, the Convention entered into force in relation to Türkiye-the State of Palestine on 01/02/2014 and 01/07/2014 respectively.
- (6) Protocol II was replaced by a new protocol making reference to the Convention, by Decision No. 2/2020 of the Türkiye-the State of Palestine Joint Committee.
- (7) Protocol II should therefore be replaced by a new protocol to include a dynamic reference to the Convention, so as to refer always to the latest version of the Convention in force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

**Article 1**

Protocol II to the Agreement between Türkiye and the State of Palestine, concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

**Article 2**

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption. It shall apply as from 1/1/2025.

DONE in İstanbul, on 25/12/2024, in two originals each in the Turkish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in the interpretation of this Decision, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the Republic of  
Türkiye**

**For the State of Palestine**



**PROF. DR. ÖMER BOLAT  
MINISTER OF TRADE**



**ENG. MOHAMMAD AL-AMOUR  
MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY**



## ANNEX

### "Protocol II

#### **concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation**

##### **Article 1**

##### **Rules of origin**

1. For the purpose of implementing the Agreement, Appendix I and the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin<sup>2</sup> ("the Convention"), as last amended and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall apply.
2. All references to the "relevant agreement" in Appendix I and in the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Convention shall be construed so as to mean the Agreement.

##### **Article 2**

##### **Dispute settlement**

1. Where disputes arise in relation to the verification procedures set out in Article 34 and Article 35 of Appendix I to the Convention that cannot be settled between the customs authorities requesting the verification and the customs authorities responsible for carrying out that verification, they shall be submitted to the Joint Committee.
2. In all cases, the settlement of disputes between the importer and the customs authorities of the importing country shall take place under the legislation of that country.

##### **Article 3**

##### **Amendments to the Protocol**

The Joint Committee may decide to amend the provisions of this Protocol.

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<sup>2</sup> OJEU L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.



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#### Article 4

##### Withdrawal from the Convention

1. Should either Türkiye or the State of Palestine give notice in writing to the depositary of the Convention of their intention to withdraw from the Convention according to Article 9 thereof, Türkiye and the State of Palestine shall immediately enter into negotiations on rules of origin for the purpose of implementing the Agreement.
2. Until the entry into force of such newly negotiated rules of origin, the rules of origin contained in Appendix I and, where appropriate, the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Convention, applicable at the moment of withdrawal, shall continue to apply to the Agreement. However, from the moment of withdrawal, the rules of origin contained in Appendix I and, where appropriate, the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Convention shall be construed so as to allow bilateral cumulation only between Türkiye and the State of Palestine.”

