



**DECISION No 1/2025 OF THE EU-TÜRKİYE JOINT COMMITTEE
of 22 December 2025**

amending the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, by replacing Protocol 1 thereto concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation [2026/359]

THE EU-TÜRKİYE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 39 of Protocol 1 thereto concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 6(2) of the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (the 'Agreement') refers to Protocol 1 to the Agreement (the 'Original Protocol 1'), which lays down the rules of origin.
- (2) The Original Protocol 1 was replaced by a new protocol by Decision No 1/2009 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community⁽²⁾ ('Protocol 1').
- (3) Article 39 of Protocol 1 provides that the Joint Committee established by Article 14 of the Agreement (the 'Joint Committee') may decide to amend the provisions of Protocol 1.
- (4) The Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin⁽³⁾ (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.
- (5) The Union and the Republic of Türkiye ('Türkiye') signed the Convention on 15 June 2011 and 4 November 2011, respectively.
- (6) The Union and Türkiye deposited their instruments of acceptance with the depositary of the Convention on 26 March 2012 and 4 December 2013, respectively. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 10(3) of the Convention, the Convention entered into force in relation to the Union and Türkiye on 1 May 2012 and on 1 February 2014, respectively.
- (7) The Convention was amended by Decision No 1/2023 of the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin⁽⁴⁾.
- (8) Protocol 1 should therefore be replaced by a new protocol which includes a dynamic reference to the Convention, so as to refer always to the latest version of the Convention in force,

⁽¹⁾ OJ EC L 227, 7.9.1996, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ Decision No 1/2009 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community of 24 February 2009 amending Protocol 1 to the Agreement (OJ EU L 143, 6.6.2009, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ EU L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ Decision No 1/2023 of the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin of 7 December 2023 on the amendment of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin (OJ EU L, 2024/390, 19.2.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/390/oj>).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Protocol 1 to the Agreement between European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Turkey on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, 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 from the first day of the first month following the date of the receipt of the last of the written notifications through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other of the completion of their internal procedures.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2025.

For the Joint Committee
The Chairman
Léon DELVAUX

ANNEX

"PROTOCOL 1

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 this Agreement, Appendix I and the relevant provisions of Appendix II to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ⁽¹⁾ (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 as references to this Agreement.

*Article 2***Dispute settlement**

1. Where disputes arise in relation to the verification procedures set out in Articles 34 and 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.

*Article 4***Withdrawal from the Convention**

1. If either the European Community or Türkiye gives notice in writing to the depositary of the Convention of their intention to withdraw from the Convention in accordance with Article 9 thereof, the European Community and Türkiye shall immediately start their own procedures to 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 as allowing bilateral cumulation only between the European Community and Türkiye."

⁽¹⁾ OJ EU L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.