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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/1781

of 28 September 2017

on the derogations from the product-specific rules of origin laid down in the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, that apply within the limits of annual quotas for certain products from Canada

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 58(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Council Decision (EU) 2017/38 ⁽²⁾, the Council authorised the provisional application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part ('the Agreement') ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Annex 5 to the Protocol on rules of origin and origin procedures attached to the Agreement ('the Origin Protocol') lays down product-specific rules of origin. For a number of products, Annex 5-A to the Origin Protocol provides for derogations to the product-specific rules of origin that apply within the limits of annual quotas.
- (3) The quotas set out in Annex 5-A to the Origin Protocol should be managed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 ⁽⁴⁾.
- (4) For certain products, the volumes of the quotas are to be increased if the conditions laid down in Annex 5-A to the Origin Protocol are fulfilled.
- (5) In accordance with the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, the Agreement is to be applied provisionally from 21 September 2017 ⁽⁵⁾. In order to ensure the effective application and management of the origin quotas granted under the Agreement that the Commission is to manage on a 'first-come, first-served', this Regulation should apply from 21 September 2017.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 269, 10.10.2013, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2017/38 of 28 October 2016 on the provisional application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part (OJ L 11, 14.1.2017, p. 1080).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 11, 14.1.2017, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558).

⁽⁵⁾ Notice concerning the provisional application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part (OJ L 238, 16.9.2017, p. 9).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The derogations from the product-specific rules of origin set out in Annex 5-A to the Protocol on rules of origin and origin procedures attached to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part ('the Origin Protocol'), shall apply to the products listed in the Annex to this Regulation within the quotas set out in that Annex.

Article 2

The quotas set out in the Annex to this Regulation shall be managed in accordance with Articles 49 to 54 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447.

Article 3

1. For the products listed in section B of the Annex, the volumes of the quotas shall be increased, from 1 January of the year in question, by 10 % of the volumes assigned in the previous calendar year, if more than 80 % of the corresponding quota is used up in that year. This paragraph shall apply for the first time on 1 January 2019 and for the last time on 1 January 2022.

2. For the products listed in section C of the Annex, the volumes of the quotas shall be increased, from 1 January of the year in question, by 3 % of the volumes assigned in the previous calendar year, if more than 80 % of the corresponding quota is used up in that year. This growth provision shall apply for the first time on 1 January 2019 and for the last time on 1 January 2028.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 21 September 2017.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2017.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

Notwithstanding the rules for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, the scope of the preferential scheme shall be determined, within the context of this Annex, by the CN codes as they exist at the time of adoption of this Regulation, in accordance with Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1821. Where an 'ex' CN code is indicated, the scope of the preferential scheme shall be determined by the CN code as it exists at the time of adoption of this Regulation, in accordance with Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1821, and the description of the product in the tables of this Annex taken together.

SECTION A: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
09.8300 ⁽¹⁾	ex 1302 20 10	61, 69	Pectic substances, pectinates and pectates, containing 65 % or more by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99 ⁽²⁾	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	8 384
	ex 1302 20 90	61, 69			
	1806 10 30		Cocoa powder, containing 65 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose ⁽³⁾	From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	30 000
	1806 10 90				
	ex 1806 20 10	20	Other preparations in blocks, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form in containers or immediate packings of a content exceeding 2 kg, containing 65 % or more by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99 ⁽⁴⁾ , for the preparation of chocolate beverages		
	ex 1806 20 30	20			
	ex 1806 20 50	20			
	ex 1806 20 70	20			
	ex 1806 20 80	12, 92			
	ex 1806 20 95	12, 92			
	ex 2101 12 92	92			
	ex 2101 12 98	92, 94	Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee or with a basis of coffee, containing 65 % or more by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99 ⁽⁵⁾		
	ex 2101 20 92	82			
ex 2101 20 98	85, 87	Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates of tea or maté or with a basis of tea or maté, containing 65 % or more by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99 ⁽⁶⁾			
ex 2106 90 20	10				
ex 2106 90 30	10				
ex 2106 90 51	10				
ex 2106 90 55	10				

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
	ex 2106 90 59 ex 2106 90 98	10, 92 26, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 42, 53, 55			
09.8301 ⁽⁸⁾	1704 1806 31 1806 32 1806 90		Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, in blocks, slabs or bars, filled, weighing no more than 2 kilograms Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa, in blocks, slabs or bars, not filled, weighing no more than 2 kilograms Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa other than those of subheading 1806 10 to 1806 32	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	2 795 10 000
09.8302 ⁽⁹⁾	1901 ex 1902 11 00 ex 1902 19 10 ex 1902 19 90 ex 1902 20 10 ex 1902 20 30 ex 1902 20 91 ex 1902 20 99 ex 1902 30 10 ex 1902 30 90	 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 0401 to 0404, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared, containing eggs and rice Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared, other, containing rice Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared, containing rice Other pasta, containing rice	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	9 781 35 000

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
	1904 10		Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products		
	1904 20		Prepared foods obtained from unroasted cereal flakes or from mixtures of unroasted cereal flakes and roasted cereal flakes or swelled cereals		
	1904 90		Prepared foods other than those of subheading 1904 10 to 1904 30		
	1905		Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products		
	2009 81		Cranberry (<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i> , <i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i> , <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>) juice		
	ex 2009 89 35	41, 45, 47, 49	Blueberry juice		
	ex 2009 89 38	21, 29			
	ex 2009 89 79	41, 49			
	ex 2009 89 86	21, 29			
	ex 2009 89 89	21, 29			
	ex 2009 89 99	17, 94			
	2103 90		Other sauces and preparations therefor, other mixed condiments and mixed seasonings		
	2106 10 20		Protein concentrates and textured protein substances, not containing added cane or beet sugar of subheading 1701 91 to 1701 99 or containing less than 65 % by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheading 1701 91 to 1701 99		
	ex 2106 10 80	31, 70			
	ex 2106 90 20	10	Other food preparations not elsewhere specified or included, not containing added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99 or containing less than 65 % by net weight of added cane or beet sugar of subheadings 1701 91 to 1701 99		
	2106 90 92				
	ex 2106 90 98	30, 36, 43, 45, 49			
09.8303 ⁽¹⁰⁾	2309 10		Dog or cat food, put up for retail sale	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	16 768

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight unless otherwise specified)
	ex 2309 90 10	31, 91	Dog or cat food, not put up for retail sale	From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	60 000
	ex 2309 90 20	10			
	ex 2309 90 31	11, 17, 81			
	ex 2309 90 33	10			
	ex 2309 90 35	10			
	ex 2309 90 39	10			
	ex 2309 90 41	41, 51, 81			
	ex 2309 90 43	10			
	ex 2309 90 49	10			
	ex 2309 90 51	10			
	ex 2309 90 53	10			
	ex 2309 90 59	10			
	ex 2309 90 70	10			
	ex 2309 90 91	10			
	ex 2309 90 96	31, 91			

(¹) The benefit of this tariff quota is submitted to the presentation of an export permit issued by Canada under the Export and Import Permits Act

(²) The cane and the beet sugar must have been refined in Canada

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SECTION B: FISH AND SEAFOOD

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight) (¹)
09.8304	ex 0304 83 90	19	Frozen fillets of halibut, other than <i>Reinhardtius hippoglossoides</i>	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	2,795
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	10

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight) (1)
09.8305	ex 0306 12 10 ex 0306 12 90	10, 91 10, 91	Cooked and frozen lobster, in shell	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	559
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	2 000
09.8306	1604 11		Prepared or preserved salmon, whole or in pieces but not minced	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	839
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	3 000
09.8307	1604 12		Prepared or preserved herring, whole or in pieces but not minced	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	13,972
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	50
09.8308	ex 1604 13 11 ex 1604 13 19 1604 13 90	90 90	Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella and brisling or sprats, whole or in pieces but not minced, excluding <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	55,891
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	200
09.8309	ex 1605 10 00	19, 99	Prepared or preserved crab, other than <i>Cancer pagurus</i>	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	12,296
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	44
09.8310	1605 21 10 1605 21 90 1605 29 00		Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	1 398
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	5 000

Order No	CN code	TARIC subdivision	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in tonnes net weight) ⁽¹⁾
09.8311	1605 30		Prepared or preserved lobster	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	67,069
				From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	240

⁽¹⁾ Article 3(1) applies.

SECTION C: TEXTILES AND APPAREL

Table C 1 — Textiles

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in kilograms net weight unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8312	5107 20	Yarn of combed wool, not put up for retail sale, containing less than 85 % by weight of wool	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	53 655
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	192 000
09.8313	5205 12 00	Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), 85 % or more by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale, single yarn of uncombed fibres, measuring less than 714,29 decitex but not less than 232,56 decitex (exceeding 14 metric number but not exceeding 43 metric number)	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	328 636
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	1 176 000
09.8314	5208 59	Other woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton, printed, other than plain weave, not elsewhere specified or included, weighing not more than 200 g/m ²	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	16 768 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	60 000 m ²
09.8315	5209 59 00	Other woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton, printed, other than plain weave, not elsewhere specified or included, weighing more than 200 g/m ²	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	22 077 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	79 000 m ²

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in kilograms net weight unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8316	5402	Synthetic filament yarn (other than sewing thread), not put up for retail sale, including synthetic monofilaments of less than 67 decitex	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	1 118 368
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	4 002 000
09.8317	5404 19 00	Other synthetic monofilament of 67 decitex or more and of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm, not elsewhere specified or included	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	5 869
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	21 000
09.8318	5407	Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 5404	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	1 351 990 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	4 838 000 m ²
09.8319	5505 10	Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock), of synthetic fibres	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	286 441
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	1 025 000
09.8320	5513 11	Woven fabrics of polyester staple fibres, containing less than 85 % by weight of such fibres, unbleached or bleached, plain weave, mixed mainly or solely with cotton, of a weight not exceeding 170 g/m ²	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	1 749 091 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	6 259 000 m ²
09.8321	5602	Felt, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	162 921
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	583 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in kilograms net weight unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8322	5603	Nonwovens, whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	173 540
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	621 000
09.8323	5703	Carpets and other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made-up	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	54 773 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	196 000 m ²
09.8324	5806	Narrow woven fabrics, other than goods of heading 5807; narrow fabrics consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive (bolducs)	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	47 228
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	169 000
09.8325	5811 00 00	Quilted textile products in the piece, composed of one or more layers of textile materials assembled with padding by stitching or otherwise, other than embroidery of heading 5810	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	3 354 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	12 000 m ²
09.8326	5903	Textile fabrics impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics, other than those of heading 5902	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	490 159 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	1 754 000 m ²
09.8327	5904 90 00	Floor coverings, consisting of a coating or covering applied on a textile backing, whether or not cut to shape, excluding linoleum	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	6 707 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	24 000 m ²

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in kilograms net weight unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8328	5906	Rubberized textile fabrics, other than those of heading 5902	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	125 754
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	450 000
09.8329	5907 00	Textile fabrics otherwise impregnated, coated or covered; painted canvas being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	829 694 m ²
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	2 969 000 m ²
09.8330	5911	Textile products and articles for specified technical uses	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	48 346
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	173 000
09.8331	6004	Knitted or crocheted fabrics of a width exceeding 30 cm, containing by weight 5 % or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread, other than those of heading 6001	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	6 987
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	25 000
09.8332	6005	Warp knit fabrics (including those made on galloon knitting machines), other than those of headings 6001 to 6004	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	4 472
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	16 000
09.8333	6006	Knitted or crocheted fabrics, not elsewhere specified or included	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	6 707
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	24 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in kilograms net weight unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8334	6306	Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds; tents; sails for boats, sailboards or landcraft; camping goods	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	34 653
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	124 000
09.8335	6307	Other made-up articles, including dress patterns	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	140 565
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	503 000

⁽¹⁾ Article 3(2) applies.

Table C 2 — Apparel

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8336	6101 30	Men's or boys' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), windcheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	2 795
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	10 000
09.8337 ⁽²⁾	6102 30	Women's or girls' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), windcheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	4 751
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	17 000
09.8338 ⁽³⁾	6104	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	149 507
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	535 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items unless otherwise specified) (1)
09.8339	6106 20 00	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	12 296
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	44 000
09.8340	6108 22 00	Women's or girls' briefs and panties of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	36 050
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	129 000
09.8341 (*)	6108 92 00	Women's or girls' negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles of man-made fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	10 899
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	39 000
09.8342	6109 10 00	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, of cotton, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	95 573
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	342 000
09.8343	6109 90	T-shirts, singlets and other vests, of other textile materials, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	50 581
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	181 000
09.8344	6110	Jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats and similar articles, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	133 579
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	478 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items unless otherwise specified) (1)
09.8345	6112 41	Women's or girls' swimwear of synthetic fibres, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	20 400
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	73 000
09.8346 (5)	6114	Garments not elsewhere specified or included, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	25 151 kilograms
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	90 000 kilograms
09.8347	6115	Pantyhose, tights, stockings, socks and other hosiery, including graduated compression hosiery (for example stockings for varicose veins) and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	27 387 kilograms
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	98 000 kilograms
09.8348 (6)	6201	Men's or boys' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), windcheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, not knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6203	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	26 828
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	96 000
09.8349	6202	Women's or girls' overcoats, car coats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski jackets), windcheaters, wind-jackets and similar articles, not knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6204	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	27 666
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	99 000
09.8350	6203	Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	26 548
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	95 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items unless otherwise specified) (1)
09.8351	6204	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	141 403 506 000
09.8352 (?)	6205	Men's or boys' shirts, not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	4 192 15 000
09.8353	6206	Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	17 885 64 000
09.8354	6210 40 00	Men's or boys' garments, made up of fabrics of heading 59.03, 59.06 or 59.07, not elsewhere specified or included, not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	19 003 kilograms 68 000 kilograms
09.8355	6210 50 00	Women's or girls' garments, made up of fabrics of heading 59.03, 59.06 or 59.07, not elsewhere specified or included, not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	8 384 kilograms 30 000 kilograms
09.8356	6211	Track suits, ski-suits and swimwear; other garments, not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017 From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	14 532 kilograms 52 000 kilograms

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items unless otherwise specified) ⁽¹⁾
09.8357	6212 10	Brassieres, whether or not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	82 998
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	297 000
09.8358	6212 20 00	Girdles and panty girdles, whether or not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	8 943
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	32 000
09.8359	6212 30 00	Corselettes, whether or not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	11 179
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	40 000
09.8360	6212 90 00	Braces, suspenders, garters and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	4 472 kilograms
			From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	16 000 kilograms

⁽¹⁾ Article 3(2) applies.

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SECTION D: VEHICLES

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items)
09.8361 ⁽¹⁾	8703 21	Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1 000 cm ³	From 21.9.2017 to 31.12.2017	27 946
	8703 22	Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 000 cm ³ but not exceeding 1 500 cm ³	From 1.1 to 31.12.2018 and for each period thereafter from 1.1 to 31.12	100 000

Order No	CN code	Description of products	Quota period	Quota volume (in number of items)
	8703 23	Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm ³ but not exceeding 3 000 cm ³		
	8703 24	Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, of a cylinder capacity exceeding 3 000 cm ³		
	8703 31	Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1 500 cm ³		
	8703 32	Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1 500 cm ³ but not exceeding 2 500 cm ³		
	8703 33	Other vehicles, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel), of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2 500 cm ³		
	8703 40	Other vehicles, with both spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine and electric motor as motors for propulsion		
	8703 60			
	8703 50	Other vehicles, with both compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) and electric motor as motors for propulsion		
	8703 70			
	8703 90	Other		

⁽¹⁾ The benefit of this tariff quota is submitted to the presentation of an export permit issued by Canada under the Export and Import Permits Act

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1782**of 28 September 2017****establishing a prohibition of fishing for bluefin tuna in the Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean by vessels flying the flag of Portugal**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/127 ⁽²⁾ lays down quotas for 2017.
- (2) According to the information received by the Commission, catches of the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein have exhausted the quota allocated for 2017.
- (3) It is therefore necessary to prohibit fishing activities for that stock,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1***Quota exhaustion**

The fishing quota allocated to the Member State referred to in the Annex to this Regulation for the stock referred to therein for 2017 shall be deemed to be exhausted from the date set out in that Annex.

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Fishing activities for the stock referred to in the Annex to this Regulation by vessels flying the flag of or registered in the Member State referred to therein shall be prohibited from the date set out in that Annex. In particular it shall be prohibited to retain on board, relocate, tranship or land fish from that stock caught by those vessels after that date.

*Article 3***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/127 of 20 January 2017 fixing for 2017 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (OJ L 24, 28.1.2017, p. 1).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2017.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
João AGUIAR MACHADO
Director-General
Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

ANNEX

No	15/TQ127
Member State	Portugal
Stock	BFT/AE45WM
Species	Bluefin tuna (<i>thunnus thynnus</i>)
Zone	Atlantic Ocean, east of 45° W, and Mediterranean
Closing date	19.8.2017

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1783**of 28 September 2017****establishing a prohibition of fishing for mackerel in areas IIIa and IV; Union waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and Subdivisions 22-32 by vessels flying the flag of Belgium**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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Director-General
Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

ANNEX

Member State	Belgium
Stock	MAC/2A34. as well as corresponding special conditions MAC/*02AN-, MAC/*4AN. and MAC/*FRO1
Species	Mackerel (<i>scomber scombrus</i>)
Zone	IIIa and IV; Union waters of IIa, IIIb, IIIc and Subdivisions 22-32
Closing date	23.8.2017

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1784
of 28 September 2017
establishing a prohibition of fishing for plaice in areas VIIh, VIIj and VIIk by vessels flying the flag of Belgium

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Union control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 36(2) thereof,

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Done at Brussels, 28 September 2017.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
João AGUIAR MACHADO
Director-General
Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

ANNEX

No	17/TQ127
Member State	Belgium
Stock	PLE/7HJK.
Species	Plaice (<i>pleuronectes platessa</i>)
Zone	VIIh, VIIj and VIIk
Closing date	23.8.2017

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1785
of 28 September 2017
establishing a prohibition of fishing for anglerfish in Norwegian waters of IV by vessels flying the flag of The Netherlands

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2017.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
João AGUIAR MACHADO
Director-General
Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

ANNEX

No	18/TQ127
Member State	The Netherlands
Stock	ANF/04-N.
Species	Anglerfish (<i>Lophiidae</i>)
Zone	Norwegian waters of IV
Closing date	5.9.2017

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION No 1/2017 OF THE EU-EGYPT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of 25 July 2017

agreeing on the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities [2017/1786]

THE EU-EGYPT 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 Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 76 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agreement') was signed on 25 June 2001 and entered into force on 1 June 2004.
- (2) Article 76 of the Agreement gives the Association Council the power to take appropriate decisions for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- (3) In accordance with Article 86 of the Agreement, the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and shall see to it that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.
- (4) The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing for a greater sense of ownership by both sides.
- (5) The Union and Egypt have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2017-2020 with the aim of addressing common challenges facing the Union and Egypt, to promote joint interests and to guarantee long-term stability on both sides of the Mediterranean,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties implement the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities set out in the Annex to this Recommendation.

Article 2

The EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities referred to in Article 1 replace the EU-Egypt Action Plan, whose implementation was recommended by Recommendation No 1/2007 of the Association Council of 6 March 2007.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 304, 30.9.2004, p. 39.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 25 July 2017.

For the EU-Egypt Association Council
The President
F. MOGHERINI

ANNEX

EU-EGYPT PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES 2017-2020

I. Introduction

The general framework of the cooperation between the EU and Egypt is set by the **Association Agreement** which was signed in 2001 and entered into force in 2004. While all elements of the Association Agreement remain in effect, this document sets the priorities jointly defined between the EU and Egypt in light of the revised **European Neighbourhood Policy** that will guide the partnership for the next 3 years.

These **Partnership Priorities** aim to address common challenges facing the EU and Egypt, to promote joint interests and to guarantee long-term stability on both sides of the Mediterranean. The Partnership Priorities are guided by a shared commitment to the universal values of democracy, the rule of law and the respect of human rights. They also aim to reinforce cooperation in support of Egypt's 'Sustainable Development Strategy — Vision 2030'.

II. Proposed Priorities

The Partnership Priorities should contribute to meeting the aspirations of the people of both sides of the Mediterranean, particularly in ensuring social justice, decent job opportunities, economic prosperity and substantially improved living conditions, thus cementing the stability of Egypt and the EU. Inclusive growth, underpinned by innovation, and effective and participatory governance, governed by the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, are key aspects of these goals. The priorities also take into account the respective roles of the EU and Egypt as international players and aim both to enhance their bilateral cooperation as well as their regional and international cooperation. As such, the following overarching priorities will guide the renewed partnership:

1. Egypt's Sustainable Modern Economy and Social Development

The EU and Egypt as key partners will cooperate in advancing socioeconomic goals set out in Egypt's 'Sustainable Development Strategy — Vision 2030' with a view to building a stable and prosperous Egypt.

(a) Economic modernisation and entrepreneurship

Egypt is committed to attaining long-term socioeconomic sustainability through, inter alia, creating a more conducive environment for **inclusive growth and job creation**, particularly for youth and women, including by encouraging integration of the informal sector into the economy. For long-term economic sustainability, this will include measures that can generate a larger fiscal space to better implement its sustainable development strategy, further reform of subsidies and taxation, strengthening the role of the **private sector** and **enhancing the business climate** to attract more foreign investment, including through a more open and competitive trade policy, fully benefit from the digital dividend and through support to key infrastructure projects such as the development of an efficient transport system. Furthermore, the EU will support Egypt's efforts towards **public administration reform** and good governance, including through the use of high quality statistics and taking into account the digital revolution and the related new business and societal models.

The Egyptian Sustainable Development Strategy attaches great importance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and to 'Mega Projects' such as the Suez Canal Development Project, the Golden Triangle Project for Mineral Resources in Upper Egypt and reclaiming four million hectares for agriculture and urbanisation, as well as to the Egyptian Knowledge Bank as major contributors to the long-term socioeconomic development process. Given the importance of SME development for inclusive growth, this sector will continue to play a central role in EU cooperation with Egypt. The EU will also consider ways to further the potential for socioeconomic development of the Suez Canal Development Project (Suez Canal Hub). Moreover, the EU and Egypt will cooperate across sectors in research and innovation and in advancing digital technologies and services. In this context, Egypt and the EU highlighted their interest in intensifying cooperation in a number of relevant research and higher education activities, including in the framework of Horizon-2020 and Erasmus +.

Given Egypt's invaluable and diverse heritage, and the significant contribution of the cultural sector (to which tourism is strongly linked) to the country's GDP, employment, foreign exchange reserves and society more broadly, a particular emphasis will be placed on the **link between culture, cultural heritage and local economic development**.

(b) Trade and investment

The EU and Egypt are important **trading partners**. They are committed to **strengthening the existing trade and investment relationship** and to ensuring that the trade provisions of the EU-Egypt Association Agreement establishing a free trade area (FTA) are implemented in a manner that enables it to reach its full potential. While the EU has previously put forward the idea of a comprehensive Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) initiative to both deepen and widen the existing FTA, the EU and Egypt will also jointly identify other suitable approaches to enhance trade relations.

(c) Social development and social justice

Egypt reiterates its commitment to reforming and promoting social development and social justice, to address the social and demographic challenges it is facing, and to boost the country's human resources that will advance economic and social development. In this regard, the EU will support Egypt's efforts to **protect marginalised groups** from potential negative impacts of economic reforms through **social safety nets and social protection**. Moreover, the EU and Egypt will continue to promote **rural and urban development**, as well as to improve the delivery of basic services, with an emphasis on modernising **education** (including technical and vocational training) and **health systems**. The EU will share its experience in establishing an inclusive healthcare coverage and improved healthcare services.

(d) Energy security, environment and climate action

The EU and Egypt will cooperate in the **diversification of energy sources**, with a particular focus on **renewable energy sources**, and in **energy efficiency** actions. The EU will, upon request from the Egyptian government, support Egypt's efforts to update its integrated energy strategy that aims at satisfying the country's sustainable development requirements and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Further, the discovery of offshore gas fields in Egypt, provides an important scope for **synergies between the EU and Egypt in conventional energy sources**, given the existing liquefaction infrastructures in Egypt. This would allow for a **more predictable generation of energy**, which would serve the interests of both Egypt — given the significant consumption needs of the country and the income-generation potential (including for the business environment and social development) — and the EU, in diversifying its supply. **Strengthening the energy dialogue** between the EU and Egypt will contribute to the identification of key areas of cooperation (such as technical assistance to establish a regional energy hub), joint research, sharing experience and best practice, technology transfers and promoting sub-regional (intra-Mediterranean) cooperation, while being cognizant of the need to preserve the Mediterranean marine ecosystems.

The EU and Egypt will cooperate in the promotion of **action on climate** and the **environment within the context of achieving sustainable development**. In line with their commitments following the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate change, the EU will support the implementation of Egypt's **Intended Nationally Determined Contributions** in the fields of mitigation and adaptation. Further, the EU and Egypt will cooperate towards achieving the goals identified in, inter alia, the 2030 Development Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Egypt and the EU will explore potential cooperation in areas such as **sustainable resource management**, including water resources, **biodiversity conservation, sanitation, solid waste management**, including the abatement of industrial pollutants, chemicals and hazard waste management, as well as combating desertification and land degradation. Egypt and the EU are also exploring the opportunities provided for in the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Declaration on Blue Economy through IMP/CC⁽¹⁾ facility. Potential fields of cooperation under consideration include smart seaports, maritime clusters, integrated coastal zone management, and marine fisheries.

2. Partners in Foreign Policy

The EU and Egypt have a shared interest in reinforcing cooperation in foreign policy at the bilateral, regional and international levels.

⁽¹⁾ Facility for Regional Policy Dialogue on Integrated Maritime Policy/Climate Change

Stabilising the common neighbourhood and beyond

Egypt has a role to play using its seat on the UN Security Council as well as its seat on the African Union Peace and Security Council. Egypt is also hosting the headquarters of the League of Arab States (LAS), with which the EU intends to deepen and broaden cooperation. Egypt and the EU will seek greater cooperation and a common understanding of a range of issues, including in the multilateral sphere. The partnership between the EU and Egypt is important for the stability and prosperity of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Africa. Cooperation between the EU and Egypt, including within regional fora, will aim to contribute to the resolution of conflict, to building peace and to tackling political and economic challenges in these regions. Further, the EU and Egypt will reinforce the exchange of information on major regional and international challenges that affect both sides.

Cooperating in crisis management and humanitarian assistance

The EU and Egypt will step up cooperation and consultations and will exchange experience in crisis management and prevention, both bilaterally and regionally, to address the complex challenges to peace, stability and development arising from conflict and natural disasters, in their common neighbourhood and beyond.

3. Enhancing stability

Stabilisation is a common challenge facing the EU and Egypt. Establishing a **modern, democratic state that delivers benefits equitably** to all people is essential for this. Human rights — civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, as set out in international human rights law, the Treaty on European Union and the Egyptian Constitution — are a common value and constitute the cornerstone of a modern democratic state. Egypt and the EU are therefore committed to promoting democracy, fundamental freedoms and human rights as constitutional rights of all their citizens, in line with their international obligations. In this context, the EU will provide support to Egypt in translating these rights into law.

(a) A modern, democratic state

Egypt and the EU are committed to ensuring accountability, the rule of law, the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms and responding to the demands of their citizens. The EU will support Egypt's efforts to **enhance the capacity of state institutions** for effective **public sector reform**, to enhance the capacity of **law enforcement institutions in implementing their duties in providing security to all**, as well as to develop **the new Parliament's constitutional functions**. Further, the EU and Egypt will enhance cooperation in **modernising the justice sector** and increasing access to justice for all citizens through legal aid and establishing specialised courts, in public finance management reform and in **tackling corruption**. The EU and Egypt will also consider developing judicial cooperation on criminal and civil matters. Parliamentary cooperation between the EU and Egypt, including through structured exchanges between parliamentary committees and groups, would reinforce coordination and promote mutual understanding. The EU will also support Egypt's efforts to **empower local authorities** in planning and delivering public services, as well as in further ensuring equality in economic, social and political opportunities and to promote social integration for all.

(b) Security and terrorism

Security is a shared objective. **Terrorism** and violent extremism conducive to terrorism threaten the social fabric of nations across both sides of the Mediterranean. They pose a major threat to the security and well-being of our citizens. Combating these threats represents a common goal of the EU and Egypt who can cooperate through a comprehensive approach that will address the root causes of terrorism with due respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in order to successfully **counter and prevent radicalisation** and promote socioeconomic development. The EU and Egypt remain committed to cooperating in fighting extremism and any form of discrimination, including Islamophobia and xenophobia.

Other fields of cooperation include, inter alia, strengthening the aviation security and protective security as well as the capacity to prevent and fight trans-national organised crime such as migrant smuggling, human trafficking, the illicit drugs trade and money laundering.

Both parties agree to strengthen their cooperation in the area of the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Combating Illicit trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, including through exchanging experiences, training and other capacity building activities.

(c) **Managing migratory flows for mutual benefit**

The political declaration of the Valletta Summit and the Joint Valletta Action Plan will provide the main context for cooperation between the EU and Egypt in the field of migration. The EU will support the Egyptian government's efforts to strengthen its **migration governance** framework, including elements of legislative reform and strategies for migration management. The EU will support Egypt's efforts to prevent and combat irregular migration, trafficking and smuggling of human beings, including identifying and assisting victims of trafficking. It will also seek to support and strengthen Egyptian capacity to protect migrants' rights and to provide protection to those who qualify for it, in line with international standards. The EU and Egypt will explore cooperation on the voluntary return of irregular migrants to their country of origin to ensure that migration is globally managed in a legal manner. This will go hand in hand with cooperation in addressing root causes of irregular migration, in particular underdevelopment, poverty and unemployment.

Mobility of persons can contribute to the development of skills and knowledge which could in turn contribute to the development of Egypt. It can also build sustainable bridges between a high-skilled labour force in the EU and Egypt. The EU and Egypt are committed to the full protection of the rights of migrants.

III. **Principles of cooperation**

Promoting the human factor and people-to-people contacts will reinforce the links, thereby consolidate the partnership, between the EU and Egypt. Mutual accountability and responsibility, towards the European and Egyptian people are an essential aspect of the Partnership Priorities.

Issues of common interest should also be tackled through a **stronger regional and sub-regional (South-South) cooperation**. In this respect, the EU and Egypt will work together within the framework of the UfM and through the Anna Lindh Foundation, particularly on cross-cultural dialogue.

The culture of dialogue has proven to be a valuable tool in developing mutual respect. **Deepening the political dialogue** on democracy and human rights and maintaining those technical aspects that reinforce it will be essential. Dialogue will also provide the means to substantiate the partnership and to take stock of its depth and achievements.

In line with the Egyptian's government's priorities, a focus on **youth** — on which the long-term stability of our societies lies — and on **women** — essential for progress in any society — will be mainstreamed in the Partnership Priorities. A key objective is to empower and equip them with the legal and practical tools to assume their due role in society through their active participation in the economy and the governance of their country. The EU will continue to share its experience in fighting discrimination against women and promoting gender equality, as well as in promoting inclusion and providing opportunities for the young.

The EU and Egypt agree that **civil society** is an important and potent contributor to the implementation of their partnership priorities and to transparent, participatory governance and can support the sustainable development process underway in Egypt. They will work with civil society in contributing effectively in the economic, political and social development process in compliance with the Egyptian Constitution and the respective national legislation.

IV. **Conclusion**

In the spirit of co-ownership, the EU and Egypt have jointly defined Partnership Priorities and will develop an agreed evaluation and monitoring mechanism. A mid-term review is also foreseen to evaluate the impact of the Partnership Priorities. In line with the focused approach of the Partnership Priorities, the EU and Egypt will jointly **rationalise the implementation of their Association Agreement** for their mutual interests. The Association Committee and Association Council will remain the key bodies that will carry out the overall assessment of the implementation of the Partnership Priorities on an annual basis.

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/220 of 8 February 2017 amending Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1106/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain stainless steel wires originating in India following a partial interim review under Article 11(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council

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