



MADB NEWS

New information on the Rules of Origin at tariff line level in the MADB

The MADB was recently enhanced with new information concerning the ‘Rules of Origin’ applicable to a product in order to benefit from preferential treatment in case there is a trade agreement between the EU and a partner country. The information is displayed in the “Tariffs” section of the MADB after introducing a 4-digit or 6-digit HS product code or a description of goods.

The rules of origin are the instruments used to determine if a product exported from the EU may be considered as sufficiently linked to EU and therefore originating in the EU in order to receive from the partner country the tariff preference granted by it, through the implementation of a free trade agreement.

If you are intending to export from the EU to a third country under a preferential regime, it is not enough that the product is exported from the EU. The product needs to be originating in the EU. The rules of origin tell you if indeed your product may be considered originating in the EU and therefore receive the preference when entering the market of the partner country.

The Commission has launched a pilot project which currently includes 25 countries from the 42 countries covered by the MADB with which the EU has bilateral or regional trade agreements¹.

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