



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF TRADE
Directorate General of International
Agreements
and EU Affairs**

Ankara, 22 June 2021

Dear Mr. DELVAUX,

I am writing to you to inform you about the steps taken by Turkey regarding EU concerns on the certificate of origin requirements for the goods coming from the EU with an A.TR Certificate, as agreed during the meeting between our Minister Mr. Mehmet MUŞ and Executive Vice President Mr. Valdis DOMBROVSKIS and Commissioner Mr. Paolo GENTILONI on 14 June 2021 in Brussels, as well as the technical meeting between our services on 3 June 2021 .

As you well know, with an amendment in our Customs Regulation as of the 1st of January 2021, Turkey clarified that the goods coming from the EU with an A.TR certificate are not subject to certificate of origin requirements.

In the subsequent period, upon specific concerns communicated by the Commission to the Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the EU, our DG for Customs sent an instruction to all our customs administrations in April 2021 and held information meetings to economic operators as regards the amendment in the Customs Regulation.

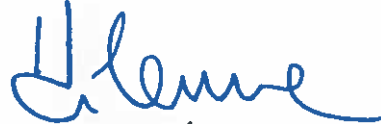
Following the technical meeting conducted between our services on 3 June 2021 and considering the issues raised by the Commission, let me share with you that a new instruction to the customs administrations was sent on 18 June, 2021, which clearly states that:

- the goods coming from the EU with an A.TR certificate are not subject to certificate of origin requirements, without prejudice to Article 47 on trade policy measures of Association Council Decision (ACD) No. 1/95;
- In that regard, the goods coming from the EU with an A.TR certificate and which are subject to additional duties or liabilities are not subject to certificate of origin requirements, either.
- When completing the formalities involved in products subject to a trade policy measure, in line with Article 47 of ACD No. 1/95, additional supporting evidence to verify the true origin of the product in question may only be requested where absolutely necessary because of serious and well-founded doubts.

In this respect, I would like to assure you that our legislation and enforcement is fully compatible with our Customs Union.

On the other hand, as confirmed on the occasion of technical and high-level meetings recently, our efforts to address EU concerns on the functioning of the Customs Union are a clear indication of our commitment to enhance our trade and economic relations with the EU and it is crucial that Turkey's efforts are also reciprocated by the EU in line with a spirit of partnership.

Hoping that our efforts will pave the way for further strengthening our trade and economic integration,
yours sincerely,



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