

JOINT DECLARATION

CONCERNING THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA

1. Products originating in the Principality of Andorra falling within Chapters 25 to 97 of the HS shall be accepted by Viet Nam as originating in the Union within the meaning of this Agreement.
2. Paragraph 1 applies provided that, by virtue of the customs union established by the *Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Principality of Andorra*, signed in Luxembourg on 28 June 1990, the Principality of Andorra applies to products originating in Viet Nam the same preferential tariff treatment as the Union applies to such products.
3. Protocol 1 Concerning the Definition of the Concept of "Originating Products" and Methods of Administrative Cooperation applies *mutatis mutandis* for the purpose of defining the originating status of the products referred to in paragraph 1.

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CONCERNING THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

1. Products originating in the Republic of San Marino shall be accepted by Viet Nam as originating in the Union within the meaning of this Agreement.

2. Paragraph 1 applies provided that, by virtue of the *Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union between the European Community and the Republic of San Marino*, signed in Brussels on 16 December 1991, the Republic of San Marino applies to products originating in Viet Nam the same preferential tariff treatment as the Union applies to such products.

3. Protocol 1 Concerning the Definition of the Concepts of "Originating Products" and Methods of Administrative Cooperation applies *mutatis mutandis* for the purpose of defining the originating status of the products referred to in paragraph 1.

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REGARDING THE REVISION OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN CONTAINED IN PROTOCOL 1 CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF "ORIGINATING PRODUCTS" AND METHODS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION

1. The Parties agree to review the rules of origin contained in Protocol 1 Concerning the Definition of the Concept of "Originating Products" and Methods of Administrative Cooperation and to discuss the necessary amendments upon request of either Party.
2. Annexes II to IV to Protocol 1 Concerning the Definition of the Concept of "Originating Products" and Methods of Administrative Cooperation shall be adapted in accordance with the periodical changes to the HS.

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CONCERNING CUSTOMS UNIONS

The Union recalls the obligations of the countries that have established a customs union with the Union to align their trade regime to that of the Union and, for certain of them, to conclude preferential agreements with countries that have preferential agreements with the Union.

In this context, the Parties note that Viet Nam shall favourably consider starting negotiations with those countries:

- (a) which have established a customs union with the Union; and
- (b) whose products do not benefit from the tariff concessions under this Agreement,

with a view to concluding bilateral agreements establishing free trade areas in accordance with Article XXIV of GATT 1994. Viet Nam shall favourably consider starting negotiations as soon as possible with a view to having those agreements entering into force as soon as possible after the entry into force of this Agreement.