

**DECISION No° [2]/2016
OF THE EU-JORDAN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

of 19/07/2016

**proposing actions by the EU-Jordan Association Committee regarding the
implementation of the relaxation of the rules of origin**

In order to effectively implement the Decision of the EU-Jordan Association Committee No° [1] of 19/07/2016, Jordan and the EU have agreed on the following:

Article 1) PROOF OF ORIGIN, MONITORING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION

In accordance with the provisions of article 1 (common provisions) §§ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 of Annex II (a) contained in Annex 1 of the joint decision n° 1/2016 of the EU-Jordan Association Committee, Jordan and the EU decided to establish appropriate implementation procedures as regards inspection of relevant production facilities, provision of the necessary proof of origin and cooperation between customs authorities in particular in case of verifications to be undertaken and monitoring reports to be issued.

Article 2) ILO INVOLVEMENT IN MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

The Ministry of Labour will ensure having in place proper monitoring processes for the implementation of the joint decision of the EU-JORDAN Association Committee on the relaxation of the rules of origin, specifically as regards the presence of Syrian workers in production facilities as according to the agreed ratios. The ILO has expressed willingness to cooperate with Jordan and the EU in the rules of origin initiative.

In this respect, the EU has proposed to Jordan to task the ILO with third-party monitoring and has started discussing with ILO possible working arrangements. Relevant ILO activities would be financed with EU funds. In the context of its Better Work Jordan programme, the ILO has already a similar arrangement with Jordan to monitor and enhance working conditions in garment companies that export to the US market duty free and has expressed willingness to collaborate with Jordan and the EU in the rules of origin initiative.

Article 3) ORGANISATION OF A BUSINESS AND INVESTORS CONFERENCE IN JORDAN

Jordan and the EU agree on the advantages of organising a suitable high-profile event in order to publicise and present the benefits from the rules of origin relaxation as well as all other incentives available for investors in Jordan. It is in fact important to show that today the business climate in Jordan is attractive and that the combination of both the

rules of origin initiative and the new Jordanian investment legislation make Jordan a promising destination for new or existing investors. The EU and Jordan also recognise that the rules of origin initiative will only be able to achieve its full potential if Jordan takes additional steps to improve further the business and investment climate and to attract and retain investment.

4) INCREASING VISIBILITY OF JORDANIAN PRODUCTS IN THE EU AND PROMOTING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN JORDAN TO EU BUSINESS COMMUNITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Jordan and the EU agreed to increase the awareness of the European Market on Jordanian products manufactured under this initiative through a comprehensive plan aimed at increasing Jordanian exports to the EU Market. The plan should include, but not be limited to, conducting market research, organising Jordanian trade missions to EU Member States, participating at specialised European trade fairs and exhibitions, online promotion in EU Member States, establishing business linkages between the different parties, as well as promoting investment in Jordan.

5) ADDITIONAL ISSUES

Additional issues relating to the implementation and monitoring of the rules of origin initiative will be further discussed by the EU and Jordan in the framework of the Sub-Committee on Industry, Trade and Services. These will include aspects such as the precise content and timing of the annual reporting to be provided by Jordan. The Sub-Committee will agree any supplementary understandings or make specific proposals to the Association Committee, as appropriate.

Given the urgency of putting the initiative into practice, Jordan and the EU agree to come to an understanding on outstanding issues, in particular as regards Articles 1 and 2 within two weeks of the adoption of this decision.

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Annex: List of implementing actions

Article 1.a.2 of annex II(a)	<p>Monitoring of activities taking place in the selected development zones and industrial areas</p> <p>Granting authorization numbers to the exporters</p> <p>Withdrawing the authorization numbers when the conditions are no longer fulfilled</p>	<p>Jordan establishes appropriate monitoring programs</p> <p>Jordan establishes authorization requirements and procedures for granting/withdrawing authorisations to beneficiary companies</p>
Article 1.a.3 of annex II(a)	Establishment of the proof of origin	Jordan establishes procedures and guidance for issuance of the proof of origin
Article 1.a.4 of annex II(a)	<p>Customs verification of fulfillment of the conditions for benefiting from the rules of origin relaxation and of the proofs of origin.</p> <p>Informing the European customs authorities on the results of verification</p>	<p>Existing procedures contained in the rules of origin Protocol of the EU-Jordan Association Agreement apply.</p> <p>Information is transmitted to EU customs authorities as regards application of article 1.a.1 (a) and (b) conditions</p>
Article 1.a.5 of annex II(a)	<p>Carrying out inquiries following verification procedures</p> <p>Visits of EU officials checking compliance.</p>	<p>Existing procedures contained in the rules of origin Protocol of the EU-Jordan Association Agreement apply.</p> <p>Jordan organizes and facilitates visits of EU officials coordinated by the MITS.</p>
Article 1.a.6 of annex II(a)	<p>Reporting on the operation and effects of the rules of origin simplification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production statistics • Export statistics • Beneficiaries • Employed refugees 	On a yearly basis Jordan produces and forwards a report to the European Commission

	<p>Joint review of the reports</p> <p>Joint review of implementation and monitoring issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency • Framework <p>ILO involvement in monitoring and compliance activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring compliance and monitoring of the covered sectors regarding recruitment of Syrian labour 2. Technical assistance to the Government of Jordan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improving regulatory framework - capacity building in delivering permits - job creation - workforce mobility 	<p>In the frame of the Trade or Customs sub-committee parties review the report. ILO may submit reports or observations in these meetings.</p> <p>In the frame of the Trade or Customs sub-committee parties deal with any implementation or monitoring issues and issue appropriate guidance and instructions to Jordanian and European customs authorities. ILO may submit reports or observations in these meetings.</p> <p>Jordan, the EU and ILO determine together the role and activities of the ILO.</p> <p>ILO monitors and guides beneficiary industries.</p> <p>ILO reports to Jordan and the European Commission on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Upon request from the Jordanian government and with the agreement of the European Commission ILO establishes and executes specific technical assistance and capacity building programmes</p>
Article 1.a.7 of annex II(a)	Mid-term review	By mid-2020, Jordan and the EU prepare a joint report to the Association Committee on the application of the rules of

		origin relaxation scheme.
Article 1.a.8 of annex II(a)	Second stage upon reaching 200.000 jobs for Syrian refugees	Upon reaching around 200.000 jobs for Syrians Jordan requests the Association Committee to meet and agree on more relaxed rules of origin.