

**JOINT DECLARATION ON RULES OF ORIGIN BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

1. The Governments of the Republic of Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the “Participants”) recognise that a trilateral approach to rules of origin, involving the European Union, is the preferred outcome in trading arrangements amongst the Participants and the European Union. This approach would replicate coverage of existing trade flows and allow for continued recognition of originating content from either of the Participants and from the European Union in exports to each other, as reflected in the bilateral trading arrangement between the European Union and Turkey. In this regard, the Participants understand that any bilateral arrangement between them as set out in the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the “Agreement”) represents a first step towards seeking this outcome.
2. If the Government of the United Kingdom and the European Union make arrangements suitable for the preferred outcome, the Participants approve taking the necessary steps, as soon as reasonably practicable, to amend the Protocol on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures to the Agreement to reflect a trilateral approach to rules of origin involving the European Union. The necessary steps will be taken in accordance with Article 10.3 of the Agreement. Should an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the European Union not include rules of origin suitable for a trilateral approach at entry into force, it is the understanding of both Participants that they will endeavour to pursue appropriate discussions with the European Union.
3. This Joint Declaration will come into effect on the entry into force of the Agreement, or, where applicable, on 1 January 2021 if the Participants have made notifications under Article 13.3(3) of the Agreement, and will continue in operation until terminated in writing by either Participant. Termination will take effect immediately upon the date of such notification.

Signed in duplicate at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

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