

**Notice from the Commission pursuant to Article 4 of the Protocol 1 to the interim Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Eastern and Southern African States, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation**

**Cumulation between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Botswana, the Republic of Cameroon, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Kenya, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Seychelles, the Republic of South Africa, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Zimbabwe and the overseas countries and territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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Article 4 of Protocol 1 to the interim Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union ('the Union') and the Eastern and Southern African ('ESA') States<sup>(1)</sup>, (the 'iEPA'), provides for cumulation in the ESA States.

That cumulation allows exporters in an ESA State to incorporate in the products they export to the European Union materials originating in other ESA States, in other African, Caribbean and Pacific ('ACP') States or in Overseas Countries and Territories ('OCTs'), or working or processing carried out in those countries or territories, as if they were originating or carried out in that ESA State.

For that cumulation to operate, an ESA State shall fulfil the following requirements:

- conclude an agreement on administrative cooperation with the countries and territories concerned, which ensures a correct implementation of Article 4, and
- notify the Union, through the European Commission, with details of such agreements on administrative cooperation.

In addition, the materials and products must have acquired originating status in the countries involved in cumulation by the application of the same rules of origin as provided in Protocol 1 to the EU-ESA iEPA.

The European Commission informs that the Republic of Mauritius has fulfilled the administrative requirements specified above and may apply the cumulation provided for under Article 4 of Protocol 1 to the EU-ESA iEPA, subject to the fulfilment of the requirements indicated in paragraph 6(b) of Article 4, as from the date of publication of this communication with the following countries or territories: the Republic of Botswana, the Republic of Cameroon, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Kenya, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Seychelles, the Republic of South Africa, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Zimbabwe, Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Marteen and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba).

The present notice is published in accordance with Article 4.6(c) of Protocol 1 to the EU-ESA iEPA.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 111, 24.4.2012, p. 1.