



Derogation from the rules of origin of the EU-Jordan Trade Agreement

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Who should read:	Everyone involved with importing goods from Jordan to the EU (European Union)
What is it about:	A relaxation of the rules of origin of the EU-Jordan Trade Agreement for certain goods imported to the EU.
When effective:	8 March 2017
Extant until/ Expires	31 December 2026

1. Background.

The EU and Jordan have agreed to a temporary relaxation of the rules of origin for specific goods imported to the EU under DECISION No 1/2006 OF THE EU-JORDAN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL of 15 June 2006 [Protocol 3 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation Official Journal L209 31/7/2006.](#)

This is intended to create 200,000 jobs in Jordan for Syrian refugees over the next five years.

2. Details of derogation from rules of origin

The rules have only been relaxed for goods ranging from chapters 25 to 96 and to qualify for this derogation they must satisfy the conditions in Protocol 3 and all of the undermentioned:

All processing must be conducted in the following industrial Development Zones and Industrial Areas:

Alhussein Bin Abdullah II Industrial City- Alkarak, Aljeeza Industrial Area- Amman, Alqastal Industrial Area- Amman, Al Quwayrah Industrial Area- Aqaba, Al Tajamuat Industrial City- Sahab, Dulail Industrial City- Zarqa, El-Hashmieh Industrial Area- Zarqa, El-Ressaiefeh Industrial Areas- Zarqa, El-Sukhneh Industrial Area- Zarqa, Irbid Development Zone and Irbid Alhassan Industrial City, King Abdullah II Bin Alhussein City- Sahab, King Hussein Bin Talal Development Zone- Mafraq (including Mafraq Industrial City), Ma'an Development Zone- Ma'an, Marka Industrial Area- Amman, Muwaqqar Industrial City- Amman, Wadi El-Eisheh Industrial Area- Zarqa;

A proof of origin (EUR1, EUR/MED or invoice declaration) must be made out pursuant to this Annex with the following statement in English:

‘Derogation — Annex II(a) of Protocol 3 — the name of the Development Zone or industrial area and the authorisation number granted by the competent authorities of Jordan’.

It was not possible to benefit from this derogation until Jordan began issuing authorisation numbers to its exporters. They published a list of authorised exporters on 8 March 2017. You can check their name, authorisation number and the commodity code by referring to the Jordanian customs website at <http://www.customs.gov.jo/ar/Exporters.aspx>

[The description of the commodity code is also listed but currently this is only available in Arabic, the EU will request an English translation.](#)

The relaxed rules of origin are listed in Annex II(a) of Protocol 3 to the agreement:

[Council Decision \(EU\) 2016/1315 of 18 July 2016 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Association Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards a temporary amendment to Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation as a response in favour of the refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria](#) Official Journal L208 2/8/2016.

This derogation ends on 31 December 2026.

3. Further information

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