

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3rd Meeting of the CEFTA Subcommittee on Customs and Rules of Origin

19 and 20 May 2011
Tirana, Republic of Albania

In its last meeting held on 19-20 May 2011 in Tirana the Subcommittee agreed to adopt a multiannual programme setting a number of key priorities for the next 3 years. The main objective of these priorities in the Subcommittee's work is to emphasize, as far as possible, the importance of simplification and facilitation of customs procedures and reduction of the formalities imposed on trade. The multiannual programme includes three key priorities that are summarized as follows:

- 1) Coordination with the Subcommittee on NTBs and TBT through contributing to its work.
- 2) Developing a regional approach in the areas of electronic data exchange between the CEFTA Parties to complement on-going projects with the aim of facilitating intra-regional trade by fully taking into account the requirement of the EU acquis. The Subcommittee also regards that multilateral exchange of data would not only be necessary to effectively implement diagonal cumulation but also to coordinate risk assessment and develop, as far as possible, joint identification of risk profiles in the future.
- 3) Establishing transparent, efficient and effective procedures to ensure sustainable and reliable information exchange between customs and the regional trading community to simplify customs rules with a view to facilitating trade.

In addition, during the same meeting the Subcommittee established a CEFTA origin network for Pan-Euro Mediterranean meetings. The first meeting of CEFTA Origin network is to be held in September 2011 to coordinate the views of the Parties regarding the revision of PEM Convention list rules.