

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT, CEFTA 2006**

**Decision No 4/2007
Adopted on 28 September 2007**

**Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee on
Customs and Rules of Origin**

1. The task of the Sub-committee is to simplify and facilitate customs procedures and reduce, as far as possible, the formalities imposed on trade. In particular, it shall further rapid implementation of the common rules of origin in all the Parties in line with Article 14 of the Agreement on the Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, CEFTA 2006, done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006 (herein after called the "Agreement").
2. To this end, the Sub-committee on Customs and Rules of Origin will:
 - (i) Exchange and discuss information on a regular basis on measures to simplify and facilitate customs procedures in the region. It will in particular:
 - facilitate for customs authorities to co-operate in setting up integrated border management systems, single windows and data harmonisation in the region;
 - exchange information on measures to maintain the integrity and the efficiency of the respective customs services;
 - co-operate with on-going and future international programmes, such as the World Bank TTFSE project, to ensure their full benefit.
 - (ii) Ensure harmonised implementation of common rules of origin with a view to *inter alia* enabling diagonal cumulation of origin within the region without delay. It will in particular:
 - exchange information on a regular basis on the implementation of rules of origin;
 - monitor and discuss how the Parties implement provisions regarding rules of origin and administrative co-operation;
 - discuss measures to control and ensure the validity of certificates of origin;
 - further dialogue with appropriate business organisations so traders are informed of procedures involved in obtaining certificates of origin;
 - consider what measures to take in order to prepare for diagonal cumulation in trade with the EU.
 - (iii) Present an annual report to the Joint Committee on its activities. It will in particular:
 - inform on progress made in setting up integrated border management systems;
 - inform on progress made in implementing diagonal cumulation within the region;
 - recommend areas where co-ordinated action by the Parties is necessary.

3. Members of the Sub-committee will be the Directors-General of Customs and senior civil servants responsible for these issues.
4. The Sub-committee will communicate on a regular basis with the Sub-committee on Agriculture including Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues and the Sub-committee on Technical Barriers to Trade and Non-Tariff Barriers in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
5. The Sub-committee shall meet as necessary but at least once per year and shall report to the Joint Committee.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted at Ohrid on 28 September 2007 in the presence of representatives of

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

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