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Products originating in the Associated Overseas Countries and Territories

The concept of "products originating" in the Associated Overseas. Countries and Territories has been defined in a draft decision submitted by the EEC Commission to the Council of Ministers.

The draft embodies all the rules contained in the proposal concerning the Associated African States and Madagascar adopted by the Commission and submitted to the Association Council.

The Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the EEC, however, introduces a new aspect not to be found in the Yaoundé Convention. The eighteen AASM do not grant each other preferences under the Convention, while the Overseas Countries and Territories extend to one another the reciprocal preferences set out in Title I of the Council Decision of February 25, 1964, which laid down the details of the Association of these Countries and Territories with the EEC.

The above products, as defined in the proposed decision, benefit on entry into an importing Member State, Associated Country or Territory from the provisions of Title I on the presentation of a movement of goods certificate (Model A.B.1) issued by the customs authorities in the exporting Member State, Associated Country or Territory.

The countries and territories concerned by the proposed decision are Saint-Pierre and Miquelon, the Comoro Islands, French Somali-land, New Caledonia and dependencies, Wallis and Futuna Islands, French Polynesia, the Southern and Antarctic Territories, Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles.