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## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

**The Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries)  
Regulations 1973**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 12(2) of the Import Duties Act 1958(a) and now vested in him(b), and of the powers conferred on him by section 2 of the Finance Act 1973(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, these Regulations shall apply to determine the question whether goods are grown, produced or manufactured or originate in any of the following countries, namely, Greece, Israel, Malta, Morocco, Spain or Tunisia, for the purposes of any preferential rate of, or exemption from, duties of customs available by virtue of any of the following provisions, namely—

- (a) article 2 of the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973(e),
- (b) articles 14(1) and (3) of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973(f) as amended by the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue, including Hydrocarbon Oil, Duties) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 1973(g) or
- (c) any Order made under section 5(1) and (4) of the Import Duties Act 1958 as amended by section 5(5) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972(h).

(2) These Regulations shall not affect the operation of the Origin of Goods (Petroleum Products) Regulations 1973(i) insofar as those Regulations determine the aforesaid question in relation to the products specified therein.

(3) The Developing Countries (Origin of Goods) Regulations 1971(j) (which relate to goods of Malta, Morocco and Tunisia for the purposes of Orders made under section 1 of the Finance Act 1971) shall not apply to determine the question whether goods are to be treated as produced or manufactured in Malta, Morocco or Tunisia for the purposes of article 2 of the Order referred to in Regulation 2(1)(a) above.

(a) 1958 c. 6.                      (b) See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).                      (c) 1973 c. 51.  
(d) 1889 c. 63.                      (e) S.I. 1973/2208 (1973 III, p. 7764).  
(f) S.I. 1973/1946 (1973 III, p. 6707).                      (g) S.I. 1973/2085 (1973 III, p. 7200).  
(h) 1972 c. 68.                      (i) S.I. 1973/2071 (1973 III, p. 7142).  
(j) S.I. 1971/1921 (1971 III, p. 5192).

3. For the purposes of these Regulations, goods shall be treated as grown, produced or manufactured or as originating in one of the following countries, namely, Israel, Malta, Morocco, Spain or Tunisia, if they are to be regarded as originating in any of those countries under the provisions of the Protocols (relating to Origin of Goods) to any of the following Agreements, namely,

- (a) the Agreement between Israel and the European Economic Community annexed to Regulation (EEC) 1526/70(a),
- (b) the Agreement between Malta and the Community annexed to Regulation (EEC) 492/71(b),
- (c) the Agreement between Morocco and the Community annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2285/73(c),
- (d) the Agreement between Spain and the Community annexed to Regulation (EEC) 1524/70(d),
- (e) the Agreement between Tunisia and the Community annexed to Regulation (EEC) 2286/73(e).

4. For the purposes of these Regulations, goods shall be treated as grown, produced or manufactured or as originating in Greece if they are to be regarded as being in free circulation in that country under the provisions of article 7 of the Agreement of Association between Greece and the European Economic Community annexed to Decision 63/106/EEC(f).

*Limerick,*

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade,  
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29th December 1973.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations provide origin rules for goods which are entitled to preferential rates of, or exemption from, customs duties as goods of Greece, Israel, Malta, Morocco, Spain or Tunisia by virtue of the provisions specified in Regulation 2(1). (Under those provisions goods of those countries are exempted from increases in protective import duties under the Import Duties Act 1958 and in the protective elements of revenue duties which would otherwise apply from 1st January 1974, and in certain cases are subject to relief from customs duties within quotas.)

For the purposes of those provisions goods are to be treated as grown, produced or manufactured or as originating in the countries mentioned above if they satisfy the relevant requirements of the Association and other Agreements, specified in Regulations 3 and 4, between the European Economic Community and those countries.

The Regulations do not affect the operation of the Origin of Goods (Petroleum Products) Regulations 1973, which lay down origin rules for petroleum products in the case of the countries concerned. (Nor do they affect the operation of any rules of origin relating to Malta as a country of the Commonwealth preference area or part of that area.) To the extent that the Regulations apply, the question of origin in Malta, Morocco or Tunisia will not be determined by the Developing Countries (Origin of Goods) Regulations 1971.

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- (a) O.J. No. L183, 17.8.1970, p.1.  
(c) O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p.1.  
(e) O.J. No. L239, 27.8.1973, p.105.

- (b) O.J. No. L61, 14.3.1971, p.1.  
(d) O.J. No. L182, 16.8.1970, p.1.  
(f) O.J. No. 26, 18.2.1963, p.293/63.



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