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Tariff preferences: Use of Cumulation provisions within “Pan Euro-Mediterranean” countries.

Who should read:	All involved with importing / exporting using the Tariff Preference regime
What is it about:	Further information about the use of Pan-European cumulation provisions when importing / exporting under preference
When effective:	Immediately

1. Introduction

JCCC Paper (06) 03 provided information on the implementation of Pan-Euro Med cumulation. This relates to the ability of manufacturers to use materials originating in numerous countries without affecting the entitlement of the final product to claim preferential origin.

The system requires that all participating countries must have concluded Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with each other, which contain identical product specific rules of origin and accompanying administrative and documentary requirements.

In Annex 1 of JCCC Paper (06) 03, we published a Matrix (Table) showing exactly which countries had signed up with which other countries.

We also stated that the European Commission had undertaken to update this information on a regular basis.

2. New Information

The first update has now been published in the “C” Series of the European Commissions Official Journals - OJ C87/2006. An updated **Matrix** can now be accessed on the HMRC Website. This can also be reached via the following trail: www.hmrc.gov.uk> businesses and corporations>Imports and Exports>Information and Guides>The Tariff>Pan Euro Med cumulation-Matrix of Agreements in force.

3. Further Information

Traders are reminded that there have been problems with the inclusion of Turkey in this new scheme.

Further details on this aspect can be found in JCCC Papers (06) 12 and (06) 13.

In the meantime, if you require any further information, please contact the Import/Export Team, Frontiers, 6th Floor North, Portcullis House, 2 Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6AL (Telephone 01702 361959) e-mail nicholas.clappen@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

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