

## TRADE PREFERENCES FOR COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

### Guide

<b>A - BASIC INFORMATION:</b>
1) Member implementing the PTA: <b>European Union</b>
2) Date PTA entered into force: <b>Date: 1 December 2000</b>
3) Date of last renewal of the PTA (where applicable): <b>Date: 7 December 2016</b> <b>WTO document <a href="#">WT/L/1002</a></b>
4) Date of notification to the GATT/WTO and symbol of GATT/WTO documents: <b>Date: 30 September 2016</b> <b>GATT/WTO document <a href="#">G/C/W/731</a></b>
5) Date of expiration of PTA: <b>Date: 31 December 2020</b>
6) Enactment of PTA, Related Legislation and Publication of PTA modifications: Link to legal texts: <b>Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 of the Council of 30 November 2009 and its subsequent amendments. In particular, Regulation (EU) No 1336/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 and Regulation (EU) No 2423/2015 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015</b>  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0009:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0009:EN:PDF</a> <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a> <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN</a>
7) Authority(ies) granting the beneficial treatment: <b>European Commission (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/">http://ec.europa.eu/</a>)</b>
8) National authorities in charge of PTA management: <b>European Commission (<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/">http://ec.europa.eu/</a>)</b>
<b>B – REFERENCES TO INFORMATION ABOUT:</b>
<b>I. BENEFICIARIES</b>
(a) Number and List of Beneficiaries: Six beneficiaries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro and Serbia.  * "This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence"
(b) Eligibility: See Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 of 30 November 2009 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1336/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 and Regulation (EU) No 2423/2015 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a> <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a> <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN</a>

<p>(c) <i>Restrictions to Eligibility:</i>  See Article 10 ("Temporary Suspension") of Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 of 30 November 2009 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1336/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 and by Regulation (EU) No 2423/2015 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015:  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a>  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a>  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN</a></p>
<p>(d) <i>Modification to Beneficiaries List:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p><b>II. SCOPE OF PRODUCTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTIFYING MEMBER'S CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS)</b></p>
<p>(a) <i>Number (tariff lines) and list of eligible products:</i>  81 Tariff lines  The legal basis is Council Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 of 30 November 2009. With reference to the tariff lines, the most updated list of eligible products is contained in the Annex of Regulation (EU) No. 1202/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013:  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1202&amp;qid=1481893661066&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1202&amp;qid=1481893661066&amp;from=EN</a></p>
<p>(b) <i>Ineligible products:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p>(c) <i>Modification to Eligible Products List:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p><b>III. PTA TREATMENT</b></p>
<p>(a) <i>Tariff Treatment:</i>  See Articles 1 and 3 and Annex 1 of Regulation (EU) No 1336/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1215/2009 of the Council of 30 November 2009 as well as the subsequent amendments contained in Regulation (EU) No 2423/2015 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 and, with reference to the annex, in Regulation (EU) No. 1202/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013:  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:347:0001:0006:EN:PDF</a>;  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0009:EN:PDF">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:328:0001:0009:EN:PDF</a>  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1202&amp;qid=1481893661066&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1202&amp;qid=1481893661066&amp;from=EN</a>  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R2423&amp;qid=1481809293919&amp;from=EN</a></p>
<p>(b) <i>Exceptions:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p>(c) <i>Different Preferential Treatment:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p>(d) <i>Request for Preferential Treatment:</i>  <b>Not applicable</b></p>
<p><b>IV. RULES OF ORIGIN (INCLUDING REQUISITES AND RESTRICTIONS)</b></p>
<p>Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin (O.J. L 54 of 26.02.2013):  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2013.054.01.0003.01.ENG&amp;toc=OJ:L:2013:054:TOC#L_2013054EN.01000401">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2013.054.01.0003.01.ENG&amp;toc=OJ:L:2013:054:TOC#L_2013054EN.01000401</a></p>
<p><b>V. PREFERENTIAL DATA</b></p>
<p><a href="http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/newxtweb/">http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/newxtweb/</a></p>