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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 225/2025
of 19 September 2025
amending Protocol 4 to the EEA Agreement, on rules of origin [2026/41]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 9 of the EEA Agreement refers to Protocol 4 to the EEA Agreement ('Protocol 4') which lays down the rules of origin.
- (2) The Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ('the PEM Convention') aims to transpose the existing bilateral systems of rules of origin established in bilateral free trade agreements concluded among the Contracting Parties to the PEM Convention into a multilateral framework, without prejudice to the principles laid down in those bilateral agreements.
- (3) Following the conclusion and entry into force of the amendment of the PEM Convention, as included in the EEA Agreement by Decision by the EEA Joint Committee No 309/2024 ⁽¹⁾, the alternative set of rules of origin as included in Appendix A to Protocol 4 to the EEA Agreement shall no longer apply to the Contracting Parties and will consequently be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (4) Protocol 4 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The text of Appendix A to Protocol 4 to the EEA Agreement is deleted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 20 September 2025, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made ^(*).

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2025.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Stefán Haukur JÓHANNESSON

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 2025/578, 24.4.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/578/oj>.

^(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.