



## **Cumulation in the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries within Economic Partnership Agreements with the European Union**

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The table below summarizes the current possibilities for operators located in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries ('the ACP countries') to apply cumulation when exporting to the EU under the framework of an Economic Partnership Agreement ('the EPA') between the EU and the ACP countries.

The table is based on the provisions related to cumulation under each EPA and on the notices published in the Official Journal (C Series) of the EU concerning cumulation, which remains the legal basis for the application of cumulation.

All the EPAs with ACP countries in force provide for cumulation in the ACP countries, whereby operators based on those countries can benefit from cumulation of materials and of working or processing carried out in the EU, in certain ACP countries and in the OCTs.

The said cumulation is subject to the fulfilment of the specific requirements provided for in the protocols on rules of origin of each EPA.

### **Notes**

- Columns lists the ACP countries which enjoy an EPAs with EU;
- Rows indicates the countries or regions with whom the ACP countries may cumulate;
- "√" indicates that cumulation with materials and with working or processing is possible;
- "√\*" indicates that only cumulation with materials is possible;
- **(a)** Cumulation is not allowed with materials listed in Annex X of Protocol 1 to the ESA-EU interim EPA;
- **(b)** Cumulation is not allowed with materials listed in Annex XII of Protocol 1 to the ESA-EU interim EPA;
- **(c)** Cumulation is not allowed with materials listed in Appendices 7, 8, 10 and 11 to Annex II of the Market Access Regulation – Regulation (EU) 2016/1076;
- **(d)** To determine the origin of the products EU non-preferential rules apply; cumulation is not allowed with materials originating in countries where antidumping or countervailing measures; measures in place can be consulted in the [EC TARIC website](#).
- **(e)** Cumulation is not allowed with materials originating in South Africa that cannot be imported into the EU duty-free quota-free, see Notice 2020/C 156/03<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 156, 8.5.2020, p.6

## **References**

[Notice 2018/C 407/05](#) on **cumulation in Mauritius from 12 November 2018** within the EU-ESA interim EPA

[Notice 2023/C 316/03](#) on **cumulation in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa** within the EU-SADC EPA

### **Cumulation in the ACP countries**

- [EU-CARIFORUM EPA](#) – Articles 4 and 5 of Protocol I
- [EU-Pacific iEPA](#) – Articles 4 and 4bis of Protocol II
- [EU-ESA iEPA](#) – Articles 4 and 5 of Protocol 1
- [EU-SADC EPA](#) – Articles 3.2, 3.4, 4.2, 4.6 and 4.15 of Protocol 1
- [EU-Cote d’Ivoire stepping-stone EPA](#) – Article 6, 7 and 8 of Protocol 1
- [EU-Ghana stepping-stone EPA](#) – Articles 6, 7 and 8 of Protocol 1
- [EU-Central Africa iEPA](#) (Cameroon) – Article 6 of Annex II to Market Access Regulation - [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1076](#)



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		CARIFORUM States <sup>2</sup>	Pacific EPA States <sup>3</sup>	ESA EPA States		SADC EPA States		Cote d'Ivoire	Ghana	Cameroun (Central Africa)	
				Comoros, Madagascar, Seychelles, Zimbabwe	Mauritius	Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa <sup>4</sup>	Mozambique				
Cumulation with	European Union	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
	ACP Countries	Botswana				√	√				
		Cameroun				√	√				
		Eswatini				√	√				
		Republic of Guinea				√(a)					
		Kenya				√(a)					
		Lesotho				√	√				
		Madagascar				√	√				
		Mauritius					√				
		Mozambique					√	√			
		Namibia					√	√			
		Papua New Guinea						√			
		Seychelles					√	√			
		South Africa					√(b)	√(e)			√*(c)
	Zimbabwe					√	√				
OCTs	Aruba (NL)				√					√	
	Bonaire (NL)				√					√	
	Curaçao (NL)				√					√	
	Saba (NL)				√					√	
	Sint Eustasius (NL)				√					√	
	Sint Maarten (NL)				√					√	
	French Polynesia (FR)									√	
	French Southern and Antarctic									√	

<sup>2</sup> Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

<sup>3</sup> Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands

<sup>4</sup> SACU States may apply diagonal cumulation as from **1 June 2023**

	Territories (FR)									
	New Caledonia (FR)									√
	Saint Barthélemy (FR)									√
	St. Pierre and Miquelon (FR)									√
	Wallis and Futuna Islands (FR)									√
	Greenland (DK)									√
Neighbouring developing countries	Colombia									
	Costa Rica									
	Cuba									
	El Salvador									
	Guatemala									
	Honduras									
	Mexico									
	Nicaragua									
	Panama									
	Venezuela									
	Algeria									
	Egypt									
	Libya									
	Morocco									
Tunisia										
Maldives										
	Materials benefiting from duty-free quota-free access to the EU by means of MFN treatment, except when originating in a country subject to antidumping or countervailing measures							√*(d)	√*(d)	√*(d)