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Pan-Euro-Med Convention / 21-22 October 2026



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DRAFT AGENDA

UfM Regional Workshop on the revised Pan-Euro-Med (PEM) Convention on rules of Origin

Cairo, Egypt – 21-22 October 2026

Wednesday, 21 October 2026	
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Registration
09:30- 10:00	Welcome Remarks - Marwa Farghali (UfM Secretariat) - Alexandru Marinescu (DG TAXUD, EU Commission) - German Development Cooperation (GIZ)
10:00 – 11:00	The revised PEM Convention: Background, Implementation and State of Play: • New rules in force since 1st January 2025 ○ Revised Convention - Decision No 1/2023 ○ Transitional provisions - Decision No 2/2024 • Cumulation possibilities and matrix • Ratification by the Contracting parties • <i>Permeability</i> Speaker: Alexandru Marinescu (DG TAXUD, EU Commission) <i>Questions/discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Main changes under the revised PEM Convention: • Product specific rules ○ <i>Agricultural products</i> ○ <i>Other industrial products</i> Speakers: Walied ElSaid (Egypt) Jūratė Šidlauskaitė (Lithuania) Dario Blazevic (Austria) <i>Questions/discussion</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:45	Main changes under the revised PEM Convention: • Product specific rules

	○ <i>Textile products</i> • Wholly obtained • Tolerance • Cumulation PEM Explanatory Notes: • General presentation Speakers: Margareta Ohanesian (DG TAXUD, EU Commission) Jūratė Šidlauskaitė (Lithuania) <i>Questions/discussion</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:30	PEM Explanatory Notes • Article 5 Tolerance • Article 6 Simple assembly • Articles 7 and 8 Cumulation Speakers: Dario Blazevic (Austria) Margareta Ohanesian (DG TAXUD, EU Commission) Nick Van Geerteruy (Belgium) <i>Questions/discussion</i>

Thursday, 22 October 2026	
09:00 – 10:30	PEM Explanatory Notes • Article 4 Average value • Article 18 Approved Exporter and commercial documents Speaker: Dario Blazevic (Austria) Nick Van Geerteruy (Belgium) Jūratė Šidlauskaitė (Lithuania) <i>Questions/discussion</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Family Photo and Coffee break
11.30 – 12.15	• Verifications and rejection of EUR.1 certificates • Customs control

	Speakers: Dario Blazevic (Austria) Nick Van Geerteruy (Belgium) Jūratė Šidlauskaitė (Lithuania)
12:15 – 13:00	PEM Explanatory Notes • Article 13 Territoriality • Article 16 Drawback Speakers: Dario Blazevic (Austria) Nick Van Geerteruy (Belgium)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	Digitalisation of the proof of origin: • State of play of e-PoC project • Presentation of the MEDOS system Speakers: Alexandru Marinescu, Zahouani Saadaoui (DG TAXUD, EU Commission), Büşra Sarı (Türkiye) <i>Questions/discussion</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Closing remarks and wrap up - Mohammed Elrazzaz (UfM Secretariat) - Alexandru Marinescu (DG TAXUD, EU Commission)

Venue: [Hilton Cairo Grand Nile](#)