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Tariff Preference: Cumulation EC - The Western Balkan Countries Matrix Update

Who should read:	All involved with importing/exporting using the Tariff Preference regime
What is it about:	Further Information about the provisions of the Western Balkan countries for cumulation purposes
When effective:	Immediately
Extant until/ Expires	N/A

1. Introduction

CIP (10) 57 provided updated information on the EU - Western Balkan Matrix that was contained in the Official Journal C225 dated 20 August 2010.

The matrix shows exactly which countries have signed up with which other countries in terms of Free Trade Agreements.

2. New Information

The latest change has been published in Official journal C215/27 – dated 21 July 2011. This confirms the signing of the appropriate agreement between the EU and Croatia and, Turkey and Albania.

The up to date Matrix may be found in **Annex 1** to this paper.

Further information can be found on our website at www.hmrc.gov.uk

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ANNEX 1

Date of application of the protocols on rules of origin providing for diagonal cumulation between the Community (EU), Albania (AL), Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA), Croatia (HR), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MK), Montenegro (ME), Serbia (RS) and Turkey (TR)								
	EU	AL	BA	HR	MK	ME	RS	TR
EU		1.1.2007	1.7.2008	1.6.2011	1.1.2007	1.1.2008	8.12.2009	27.07.2006
AL	1.1.2007		22.11.2007	22.8.2007	26.7.2007	26.7.2007	24.10.2007	1.8.2011
BA	1.7.2008	22.11.2007		22.11.2007	22.11.2007	22.11.2007	22.11.2007	
HR	1.6.2011	22.8.2007	22.11.2007		22.8.2007	22.8.2007	24.10.2007	
MK	1.1.2007	26.7.2007	22.11.2007	22.8.2007		26.7.2007	24.10.2007	1.7.2009
ME	1.1.2008	26.7.2007	22.11.2007	22.8.2007	26.7.2007		24.10.2007	1.03.2010
RS	8.12.2009	24.10.2007	22.11.2007	24.10.2007	24.10.2007	24.10.2007		1.9.2010
TR	27.07.2006	1.8.2011			1.7.2009	1.03.2010	1.9.2010	