- 2. A consignment shall benefit from the provisions of Article 22(1)(b) or Article 27(3) by reference to the currency in which the invoice is drawn up, according to the amount fixed by the Party concerned.
- 3. The amounts to be used in any given national currency shall be the equivalent in that currency of the amounts expressed in euro as at the first working day of October and shall apply from 1 January the following year. The Parties shall notify each other of the relevant amounts.
- 4. A Party may round up or down the amount resulting from the conversion into its national currency of an amount expressed in euro. The rounded-off amount may not differ from the amount resulting from the conversion by more than 5%. A country or territory may retain unchanged its national currency equivalent of an amount expressed in euro if, at the time of the annual adjustment provided for in paragraph 3, the conversion of that amount, prior to any rounding-off, results in an increase of less than 15% in the national currency equivalent. The national currency equivalent may be retained unchanged if the conversion were to result in a decrease in that equivalent value.
- 5. The amounts expressed in euro shall be reviewed by the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Council at the request of either of the Parties. When carrying out this review, the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Council shall consider the desirability of preserving the effects of the limits concerned in real terms. For this purpose, it may decide to modify the amounts expressed in euro.

#### TITLE VI

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COOPERATION

## Article 32

#### Mutual assistance

- 1. The customs authorities of the United Kingdom and Serbia shall provide each other with specimen impressions of stamps used in their customs offices for the issue of movement certificates EUR.1 and EUR-MED and with the addresses of the customs authorities responsible for verifying those certificates, origin declarations and origin declarations EUR-MED.
- 2. In order to ensure the proper application of this Protocol, the United Kingdom and Serbia shall assist each other, through the competent customs administrations, in checking the authenticity of the movement certificates EUR.1 and EUR-MED, the origin declarations and the origin declarations EUR-MED, and the correctness of the information given in these documents.

## Article 33

# Verification of proofs of origin

- 1. Subsequent verifications of proofs of origin shall be carried out at random or whenever the customs authorities of the importing Party have reasonable doubts as to the authenticity of such documents, the originating status of the products concerned or the fulfilment of the other requirements of this Protocol.
- 2. For the purposes of implementing the provisions of paragraph 1, the customs authorities of the importing Party shall return the movement certificate EUR.1 or EUR-MED and the invoice, if it has been submitted, the origin declaration or the origin declaration EUR-MED, or a copy of these documents, to the customs authorities of the exporting Party giving, where appropriate, the reasons for the request for verification. Any documents and information obtained suggesting that the information given on the proof of origin is incorrect shall be forwarded in support of the request for verification.
- 3. The verification shall be carried out by the customs authorities of the exporting Party. For this purpose, they shall have the right to call for any evidence and to carry out any inspection of the exporter's accounts or any other check considered appropriate.
- 4. If the customs authorities of the importing Party decide to suspend the granting of preferential treatment to the products concerned while awaiting the results of the verification, release of the products shall be offered to the importer subject to any precautionary measures judged necessary.
- 5. The customs authorities requesting the verification shall be informed of the results of this verification as soon as possible. These results shall indicate clearly whether the documents are authentic and whether the products concerned may be considered as products originating in the United Kingdom, in Serbia or in one of the other countries or territory referred to in Articles 3 and 4 and fulfil the other requirements of this Protocol.
- 6. If, in cases of reasonable doubt, there is no reply within ten months of the date of the verification request or if the reply does not contain sufficient information to determine the authenticity of the document in question or the real origin of the products, the requesting customs authorities shall, except in exceptional circumstances, refuse entitlement to the preferences.

## Article 34

# Dispute settlement

Where disputes arise in relation to the verification procedures of Article 33 which cannot be settled between the customs authorities requesting a verification and the

customs authorities responsible for carrying out this verification, they shall be submitted to the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Council.

In all cases, the settlement of disputes between the importer and the customs authorities of the importing Party shall take place under the legislation of that Party.

# Article 35

#### **Penalties**

Penalties shall be imposed on any person who draws up, or causes to be drawn up, a document which contains incorrect information for the purpose of obtaining a preferential treatment for products.

### Article 36

#### Free zones

- 1. The United Kingdom and Serbia shall take all necessary steps to ensure that products traded under cover of a proof of origin which in the course of transport use a free zone situated in their territory, are not substituted by other goods and do not undergo handling other than normal operations designed to prevent their deterioration.
- 2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, when products originating in the United Kingdom or in Serbia are imported into a free zone under cover of a proof of origin and undergo treatment or processing, the authorities concerned shall issue a new movement certificate EUR.1 or EUR-MED at the exporter's request, if the treatment or processing undergone complies with this Protocol.

# Article 37

### **Derogations**

The products listed below shall be excluded from cumulation provided for in Articles 3 and 4, save for cumulation with respect to the European Union (provided for in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 3) if:

- (a) the country of final destination is the United Kingdom, and:
  - (i) the materials used in the manufacture of these products are originating in the Republic of Serbia or anywhere listed in items 10-14 in Annex A; or

- (ii) these products have acquired their origin on the basis of working or processing carried out in anywhere referred to in paragraph (a)(i); or
- (b) the country of final destination is Serbia, and:
  - (i) the materials used in the manufacture of these products are originating in the United Kingdom; or
  - (ii) these products have acquired their origin on the basis of working or processing carried out in the United Kingdom.

CN-Code	Description
1704 90 99	Other sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa
1806 10 30	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa
1806 10 90	<ul> <li>Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or sweetening matter:</li> <li>Containing 65 % or more but less than 80 % by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose</li> <li>Containing 80 % or more by weight of sucrose (including invert sugar expressed as sucrose) or isoglucose expressed as sucrose</li> </ul>
1806 20 95	<ul> <li>Other food preparations containing cocoa in block, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form in containers or immediate packaging of a content exceeding 2 kg</li> <li>Other</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
1901 90 99	Malt extract, food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included, food preparations of goods of headings 0401 to 0404, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included  Other  Other (than malt extract)  Other
2101 12 98	Other preparations with a basis of coffee
2101 20 98	Other preparations with a basis of tea or mate

2106 90 59	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included  Other  Other
2106 90 98	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included:  - Other (than protein concentrates and textured protein substances)  - Other  - Other
3302 10 29	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry; other preparations based on odoriferous substances, of a kind used for the manufacture of beverages:  Of a kind used in the food or drink industries  Of the type used in the drink industries:  Preparations containing all flavouring agents characterizing a beverage:  Of an actual alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 0.5 %  Other:  Other:  Other:  Other:  String a beverage, isoglucose, glucose, or starch or containing, by weight, less than 1.5 % milkfat, 5 % sucrose or isoglucose, 5 % glucose or starch  Other

# TITLE VII

# **CEUTA AND MELILLA**

# Article 38

# **Application of the Protocol**

The term 'European Union' used in this Protocol does not cover Ceuta and Melilla. Products originating in Ceuta and Melilla are not considered to be products originating in the European Union for the purposes of this Protocol.