## DECISION No. 01/2024 OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

## 3.0 October 2024 and 01/2024

The Joint Committee of Türkiye-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement ("the Joint Committee"), established by Article 11.4 of the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Türkiye and Malaysia, done at Ankara on 17 April 2014 ("the Agreement"),

decided as follows:

## 1. The Parties agreed:

- i. on the issuance of Certificate of Origin (CO) retrospectively for the export transactions between 1/4/2020 and 1/4/2023, following this Joint Committee's (JC) decision if it had not been issued at the time of exportation because of any errors or special circumstances, provided that the exporters submit a formal request for issuance of the said documents to the competent authorities in Malaysia (in this case Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry of Malaysia (MITI)) after entry into force of this Decision;
- ii. Companies must submit a formal request for CO to MITI through the electronic Preferential Certificate of Origin (ePCO) System, ensuring that all necessary documentation is provided in accordance with domestic procedures. The issuance of the CO is subject to Malaysia's assessment of compliance with the Rules of Origin (ROO); and
- iii. The Parties agreed to accept the Certificates of Origin that have been issued to companies at the time of exportation as an exceptional circumstance when it is presented during the implementation period of this decision.
- iv. Notwithstanding Section 4-E (Proof of Origin) of the Agreement, the Parties agreed that the above decision shall be administratively applied in consideration for the usage of invoice declarations for exportations to Türkiye between 01/04 2020 and 01/04/2023.
- 2. The Parties agreed to the implementation of this decision by the Joint Committee in ensuring compliance to the originating goods, and granting of preferential duties. Understanding the special circumstance of this issue that require specific intervention by Parties, administrative implementation of the decision must not diverge from encouraging business' capability in adherence to originating criteria, rather than on procedural compliance.
- 3. This Decision shall enter into force on the first day following the date of the signing and will remain in force for one year starting from the entry into force of this Decision.

Done at Ankara and Kuala Lumpur on 20./10/2024 in English and Turkish languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of Türkiye

For the Government of Malaysia

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