

PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN

PLENARY MEETING SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR SUGAR

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⇒ **Negotiations with Canada**

⇒ **Paneuromed**



DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA

- ⇒ Request of flexibility by Canadian negotiators for some high sugar content products (confectionery, toffees, caramels, chewing gums...)

Commission general orientation :

- ⇒ Current GSP threshold of 40 % redline
- ⇒ If increased for some products, TRQs will be defined

Decisions will be taken at political level

New discussions with Canada foreseen in March

PANEUROMED NEGOTIATIONS (1)

Paneuromed Regional Convention

As agreed by the Council in April 2011
and the European Parliament on 16 February 2012

⇒ *A new single legal instrument will replace the individual protocols applicable between partners countries*

⇒ *The Euromed cumulation system will be extended to Balkans countries*

Commission proposal for agricultural products being finalized

⇒ *Same minimal operations as in GSP*

⇒ *Lower thresholds for processed products :*

30 % instead of 40 % in GSP because of diagonal cumulation

PANEUROMED NEGOTIATIONS (2)

Main CEFS request

Forbid cumulation between Western Balkans and Mediterranean countries when the EU is the last country of destination to avoid circumvention of Balkans TRQs through EUROMED

***Discussion with Customs Code Committee in course
Presentation to PEM partners foreseen in May 2012***