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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rules of Origin calculator - Market Access Database (MADB)

The recent implementation report on the EU's trade agreements highlighted the need to boost the uptake of trade agreements by EU economic operators, in particular SMEs. Navigating the complexity of rules of origin is thereby a continuous challenge for increasing preference utilisation rates. While the Market Access Database (MADB) has improved with respect to information on rules of origin, there is currently no tool available to assist in calculation when it comes to assessing the preferential origin of products. Some of the EU's trading partners, such as Korea, have effectively developed such a web-based rules of origin calculator that assist companies in using FTAs.

Has the Commission studied the feasibility of establishing a Rules of Origin calculator at EU level, designed for SMEs and available free of charge as part of the Market Access Database (MADB)?