

# **REVISION OF PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

## **DG AGRI PROPOSALS FOR SUGAR**

# TAXUD GENERAL PROPOSAL

- **A single threshold of 60 % for all products**
- **A definition of the manufacturing process :**
  - *special skills,*
  - *specific equipment,*
  - *final product objectively different from the materials used.*

# **DG AGRICULTURE PROPOSALS**

- **Additional criteria for sensitive products, like sugar.**
- **Applicable each time the horizontal rules are not sufficient to avoid dysfunction/fraud.**

# DG AGRI PROPOSAL FOR SUGAR

## Sugar : Chapter 17

- *Maximum 15 % of non originating product  
in volume  
(instead of the current 15 % Cotonou tolerance in value)*

## Products containing more than 80 % of sugar

*same 15 % rule*

## Cumulation

*Sugar excluded from bilateral and regional cumulation.*

# CEFS POSITION

- **The CEFS experts are currently reflecting on DG Agri proposal.**
- *It seems that these additional criteria are not enough to ensure a protection similar to the current one.*
- **The social partners will be taken aware of the development of this issue.**
  - *A joint position might be prepared if needed .*

# **WORKING TIMETABLE**

- **Taxud will shortly propose to the hierarchy a revision taking into account the concerns of the different DGs**
- ***The sectors concerned will be consulted.***
- **The member states will be taken aware of the proposal.**
- ***Debate at the Customs Code Committee not likely to start before March.***