

Brexit: EU-UK Nonwovens Trade Facilitated With Specific Rules of Origin

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EDANA welcomes the [Trade & Cooperation Agreement \(TCA\)](#) signed in December 2020 between the European Union and the United Kingdom and, in particular, its specific rules of origin for nonwovens.

The [most recent available figures](#) cover 2019, when the UK exported nonwoven roll goods worth €96 million to the EU, while export traffic in the other direction reached a value of €280 million. The UK remains the second biggest trade partner for EU local manufacturers after the US.

Jacques Prigneaux, EDANA's Market Analysis and Economic Affairs Director, said "this trade agreement not only guarantees that nonwoven roll goods will be able to continue to travel between EU member states and UK without customs duties, but also recognizes that a nonwoven process is sufficient to confer the origin on the product.

"In order to qualify for the zero preferential tariff under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, products classified in [HS 5603](#) must originate in the EU or the United Kingdom. According to the specific rule for nonwovens, devised and promoted by EDANA, and included in the TCA, any nonwovens produced locally will be considered as originating in the EU or United Kingdom, even if it has been produced using non-originating materials."

Jacques Prigneaux added "obviously, EDANA member companies can contact me and I will

