

Study on Accumulation / Cumulation

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Origin: Rules of Origin in a fractioned
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1. Introduction

2. Explanation of Accumulation/Cumulation

3. Document Review

4. Case Studies



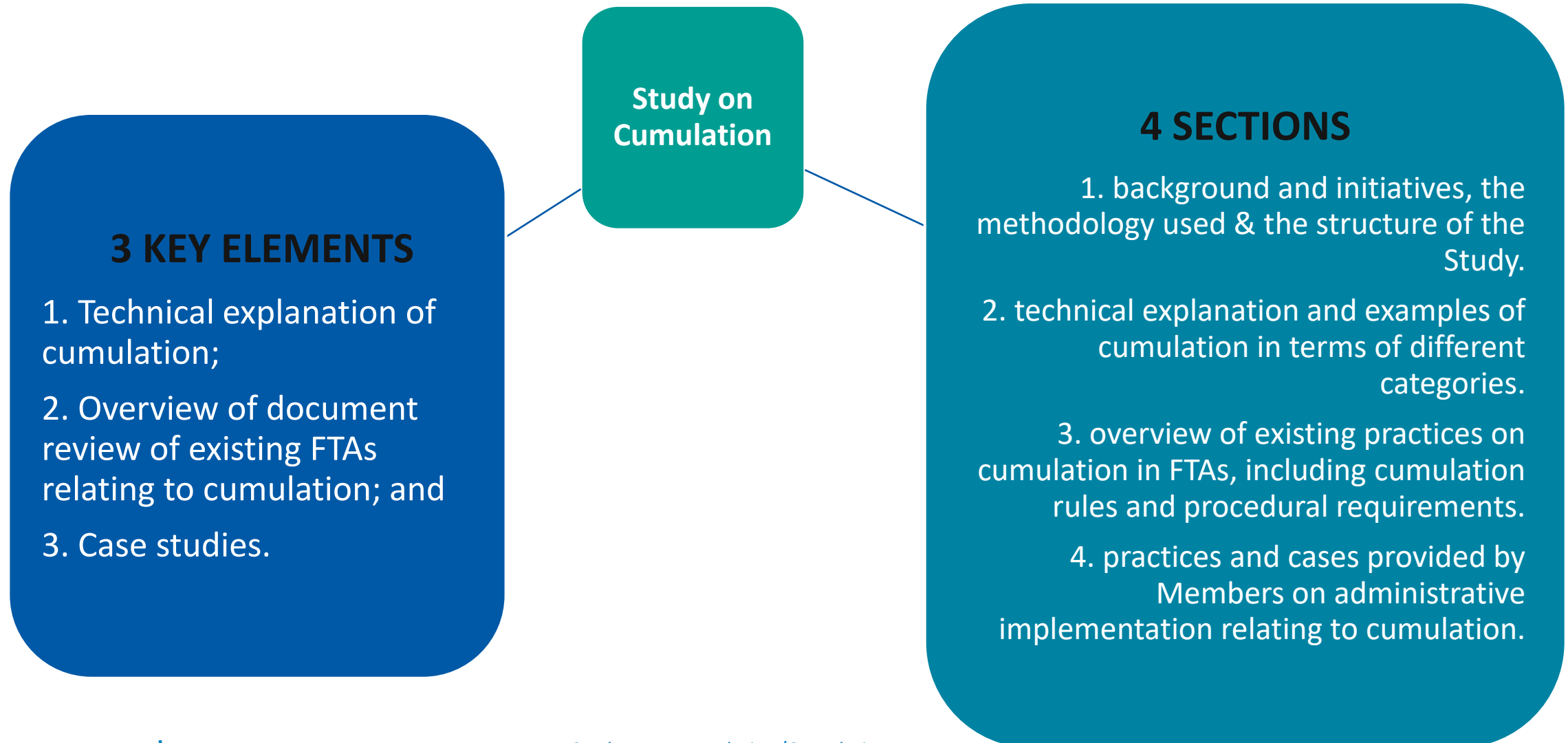
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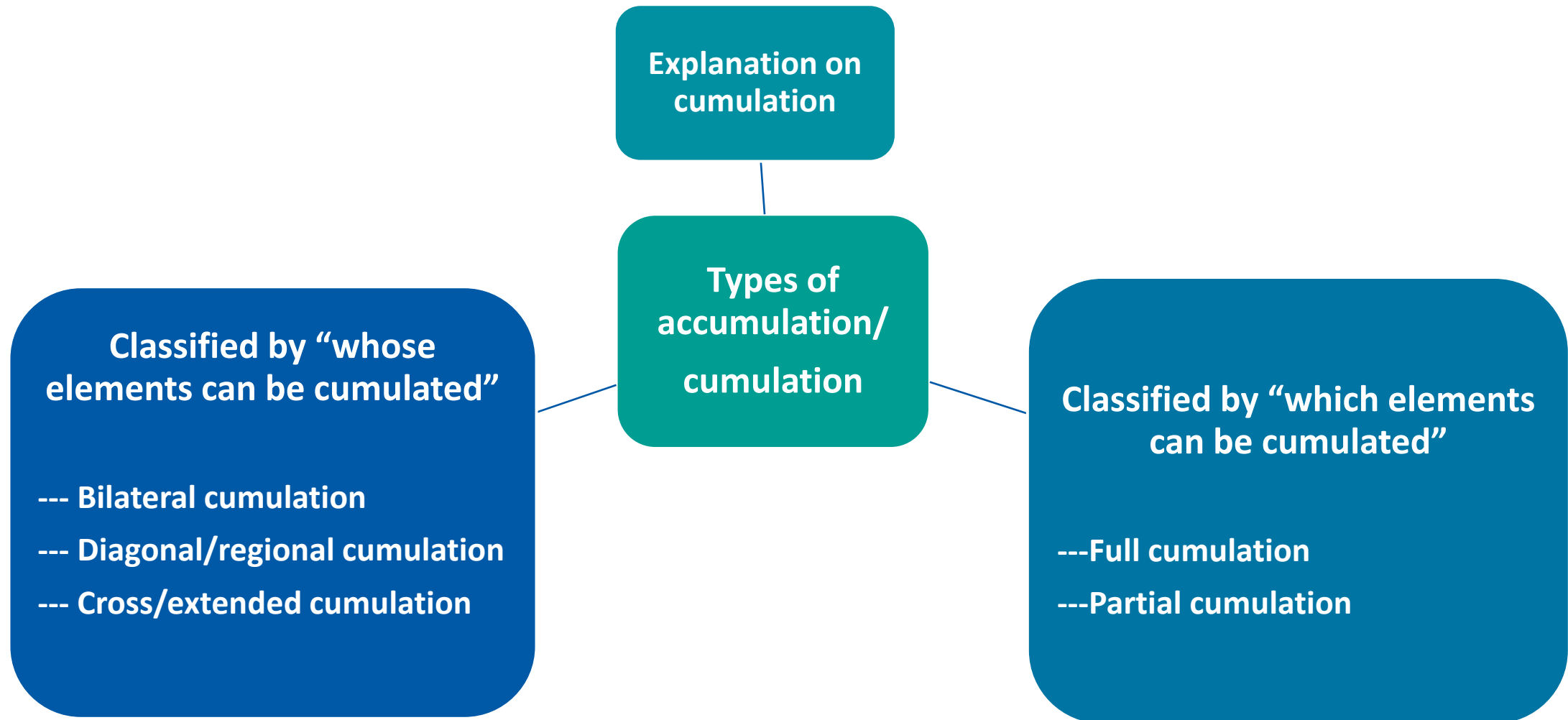
Methodology



Structure



2. Explanation of Accumulation/Cumulation



3. Document Review (General overview of what was found)

3.1 Overview of categorization of cumulation in FTAs

Out of 398 FTAs studied,

-- bilateral cumulation: 148 FTAs (37.2%),

-- diagonal/regional cumulation: in 99 FTAs (24.9%),

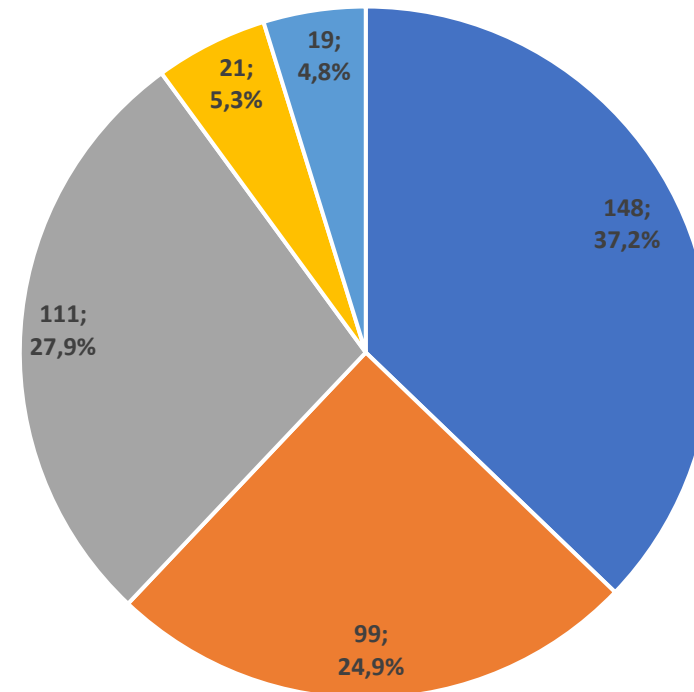
-- cross/extended cumulation: 111 FTAs (27.9%),

-- Not included: 21 FTAs (5.3%)

-- Not Clear: 19 FTAs (4.8%)

***a lack of rules of origin legal text in the WCO Trade Tools.*

Overview of FTAs on Cumulation
(In terms of whose input can be cumulated)



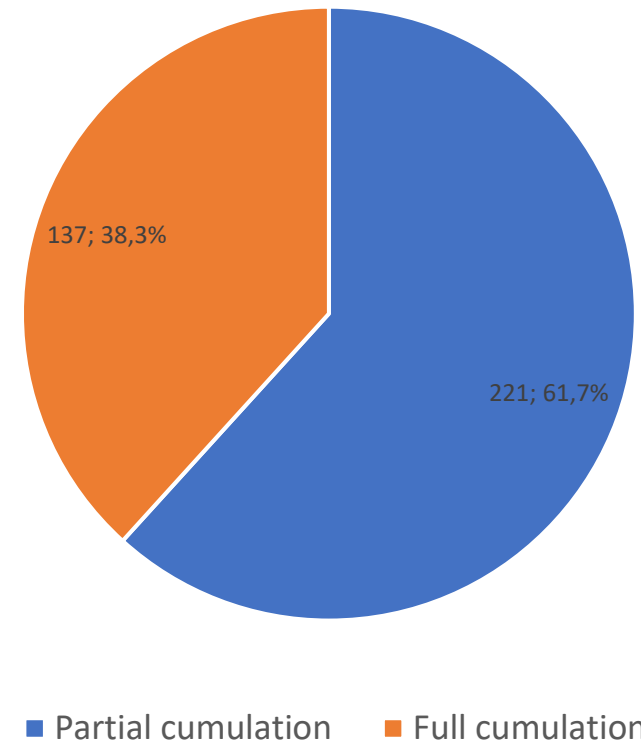
■ Bilateral cumulation ■ Diagonal cumulation ■ Cross cumulation ■ Not included ■ Not sure

3.1 Overview of categorization of cumulation in FTAs

Among 358 FTAs with cumulation rules in the FTA rules of origin,

- partial cumulation: 221 FTAs (61.7)
- full cumulation: 137 FTAs (38.3%)

Overview of FTAs on Cumulation
(In terms of which input can be cumulated)



3.2 Overview of legal wording on cumulation in FTAs

Out of 358 FTAs,

- cumulation rules stipulated as a specific article was observed in 327 FTAs (91.3%).
- In the remaining 31 FTAs, cumulative rules were paraphrased in other ways. In some FTAs, cumulative rules were found in the general requirements for origin determination
e.g. the United States-Jordan FTA, the United States-Israel FTA, and the Treaty on a Free Trade Area between members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).
- In some FTAs, cumulative rules were found in the definition.
e.g. Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

3.3 Overview of the certification requirement on cumulation in FTAs

Among 398 FTAs studied, the certification requirement was observed in 41 FTAs (10.3%), while others did not specifically mention the certification requirement in the legal text.

4. Case Studies - Categorization

WCO South America,
North America, Central
America and the
Caribbean Region

5

WCO Far East, South and
Southeast Asia,
Australasia and the Pacific
Islands Region - 7

WCO Europe Region

12

WCO East and Southern
Africa Region

2

WCO North of Africa,
Near and Middle East
Region

2

WCO West and Central
Africa Region

1

4. Case Studies

Armenia	Costa Rica	Malaysia
Australia	Dominican Republic	Mauritius
Azerbaijan	Denmark	Moldova
Belgium	European Union	Morocco
Brazil	Hong Kong, China	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Hungary	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Iraq	South Africa
Chile	Japan	Switzerland
China	Korea	Türkiye
Colombia	Latvia	

Annex I: Categorization of Cumulation in FTAs

Annex II: Structure of the Case Studies on Accumulation/Cumulation

Annex III: List of Members that replied to the Questionnaire



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Thank you

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