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Notification to EFTA of Protocol 3. Agreement between Norway and the European Community for processed agricultural products.

Reference is made to the EFTA council meeting on 17 December 2003, Point 6, regarding notification of changes in the treatment for processed agricultural products accorded to the European Community or any other free trade partner. Reference is also made to the Vaduz Convention of 2001, article 6.4, regarding notification of changes in the treatment for products listed in Part I or in Part II of Annex C (processed agricultural products) accorded to the European Community or any other free trade partner.


Norway concluded in 2001 a Protocol 3 to the EEA agreement for processed agriculture products, with the European Community. This entered into force on 1 January 2002. The final Protocol was sent to the EFTA-secretariat promptly after the completion, and the complete text is posted on the EFTA website under "agreements - EEA agreement".

The provisions of the Agreement shall apply to the products listed in Tables I and II, subject to the provisions of the Protocol. Annex I to Table I describes the Community import regime for processed agricultural products, and Annex III to Table I describes the Norwegian import regime.

The EFTA countries have been granted the same treatment into Norway as the European Community.

Norway and the European Community are still negotiating some remaining industrial elements in Protocol 3. Norway will notify EFTA when these last remaining elements are negotiated and the adjusted Protocol 3 is completed.

Yours sincerely,


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