

Article 38

Withdrawal and expiration

1. Each State Party to this Agreement may withdraw therefrom by means of a written notification to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect six months after the date on which the notification is received by the Depositary.
2. If Lithuania withdraws, this Agreement shall expire at the end of the notice period, and if all EFTA States withdraw it shall expire at the end of the latest notice period.
3. Any EFTA Member State which withdraws from the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association shall *ipso facto* on the same day as the withdrawal takes effect cease to be a State Party to this Agreement.

Article 39

Entry into force

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 June 1996 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance with the Depositary, provided that Lithuania is among the States that have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance.
2. In relation to a Signatory State depositing its instrument of ratification or acceptance after 1 June 1996, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the deposit of its instrument, provided that in relation to Lithuania this Agreement enters into force at the latest on the same date.
3. Any Signatory State may already at the time of signature declare that, during an initial phase, it shall apply this Agreement provisionally, if this Agreement cannot enter into force in relation to that State by 1 June 1996. For an EFTA State provisional application is only possible provided that in relation to Lithuania this Agreement has entered into force, or that Lithuania is applying this Agreement provisionally.

Article 40

Depositary

The Government of Norway, acting as Depositary, shall notify all States that have signed or acceded to this Agreement of the deposit of any instrument of ratification, or provisional application, acceptance or accession, as well as of the entry into force of this Agreement, of its expiry or of any withdrawal therefrom.