

## **ARTICLE 34**

### **Customs unions, free trade areas and frontier trade**

This Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas or arrangements for frontier trade to the extent that these do not negatively affect the trade regime and in particular the provisions concerning rules of origin provided for by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **Territorial application**

This Agreement shall apply to the territories of the States Parties to the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **Amendments**

Amendments to this Agreement other than those referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 27 which are approved by the Joint Committee shall be submitted to the States Parties to this Agreement for acceptance and shall enter into force if accepted by all the States Parties to this Agreement. The instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Depositary.

## **ARTICLE 37**

### **Accession**

1. Any State, becoming a Member of the European Free Trade Association, may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee decides to approve its accession, to be negotiated between the acceding State and the States Parties concerned, on such terms and conditions as may be set out in that decision. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.
2. In relation to an acceding State, the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument of accession.

## **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 Poland withdraws, the 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 April 1993 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance with the Depositary, provided that Poland 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 April 1993, 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 Poland the 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 the Agreement provisionally, if the Agreement cannot enter into force in relation to that State by 1 April 1993, provided that in relation to Poland the Agreement has entered into force.

### **ARTICLE 40**

#### **Depositary**

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Geneva, this 10th day of December 1992, in a single authentic copy in the English language which shall be deposited with the Government of Sweden. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all Signatory States, and States acceding to this Agreement.

For the Republic of Austria

For the Republic of Poland

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