

5. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or agreed between the parties to the dispute, the Optional Rules for Arbitrating Disputes between Two States of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), effective 20 October 1992, shall apply.

6. A Party that is not a party to the dispute, on delivery of a written notice to the disputing Parties, shall be entitled to receive written submissions of the disputing Parties and attend all hearings.

7. The arbitral tribunal shall take its decisions by majority vote.

8. The expenses of the arbitral tribunal, including the remuneration of its members, shall normally be borne by the parties to the dispute in equal shares. The arbitral tribunal may, however, at its discretion decide that a higher proportion of the expenses be paid by one of the parties to the dispute. Fees and expenses payable to members of an arbitral tribunal will be subject to schedules established by the Joint Committee and in force at the time of the establishment of the arbitral tribunal.

CHAPTER IX FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 35

Evolutionary clause

1. The Parties undertake to review this Agreement in light of further developments in international economic relations, i.a. in the framework of the WTO, and to examine in this context and in the light of any relevant factor the possibility of further developing and deepening the co-operation under this Agreement and to extend it to areas not covered therein. The Parties may instruct the Joint Committee to examine this possibility and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to them, particularly with a view to opening up negotiations.

2. Agreements resulting from the procedure referred to in paragraph 1 will be subject to ratification or approval by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures.

ARTICLE 36

Annexes and Protocols

1. The Annexes and the Protocols to this Agreement are an integral part of it. The Joint Committee may decide to amend the Annexes and Protocols.

2. The Annexes and Protocols to this Agreement are the following:

Annex I	Territorial application
Annex II	Products not covered by the Agreement
Annex III	Fish and other marine products
Annex IV	Customs duties on imports and charges having equivalent effect
Annex V	Protection of intellectual property
Protocol A	Processed agricultural products
Protocol B	Rules of origin
Protocol C	State Monopolies

ARTICLE 37

Amendments

1. Amendments to this Agreement other than those referred to in Article 36 shall, after approval by the Joint Committee, be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval.
2. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.
3. The text of the amendments shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 38

Customs unions, free trade areas, frontier trade and other preferential agreements

This Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas, arrangements for frontier trade and other preferential agreements to the extent that these do not negatively affect the trade regime provided for by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 39

Accession

1. Any State, Member of the European Free Trade Association, may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee decides to approve its accession, on terms and conditions to be negotiated between the acceding State and the Parties concerned. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

2. In relation to an acceding State, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument of accession.

ARTICLE 40

Withdrawal and expiration

1. Each Party may withdraw from this Agreement 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 Lebanon withdraws, this Agreement shall expire at the end of the notice period.

3. Any EFTA 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 Party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 41

Entry into force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 2005 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have ratified the Agreement, provided they have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance with the Depositary at least two months before the entry into force, and provided that Lebanon is among the States that have deposited their instruments of ratification or acceptance.

3. In case this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 January 2005 it shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the latter date on which Lebanon and at least one EFTA State have deposited their instruments of ratification.

4. In relation to an EFTA State depositing its instrument of ratification, after this Agreement has entered into force, the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument.

5. If its constitutional requirements permit, any EFTA State may apply this Agreement provisionally. Provisional application of this Agreement under this paragraph shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 42

Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Montreux, this 24th day of June 2004, in a single original in the English language, which shall be deposited with the Government of Norway. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all Signatory States.

For the Republic of Iceland

For the Republic of Lebanon

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For the Principality of Liechtenstein

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For the Kingdom of Norway

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For the Swiss Confederation

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