

CHAPTER 9

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 45

Fulfilment of Obligations

The Parties shall take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 46

Annexes

The Annexes to this Agreement, including their Appendices, are an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE 47

Evolutionary Clause

The Parties undertake to review this Agreement in light of further developments in international economic relations, *inter alia* in the framework of the WTO, and to examine in this context and in light of any other relevant factor the possibility of further developing and deepening their cooperation under this Agreement and of extending it to areas not covered therein. The Joint Committee shall regularly examine this possibility and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Parties, particularly with a view to opening negotiations.

ARTICLE 48

Amendments

1. The Parties may agree on any amendment to this Agreement. Amendments to this Agreement other than those referred to in paragraph 8 of Article 41 shall be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval. 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.
2. The text of the amendments as well as the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 49

Accession

1. Any State becoming a member of the European Free Trade Association may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee approves its accession, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by the Parties. 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, or the approval of the terms of accession by the existing Parties, whichever is later.

ARTICLE 50

Withdrawal and Expiration

1. A 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. On the day of accession of Montenegro to the European Union, this Agreement shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be effective.
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 51

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with the respective constitutional requirements of the Parties. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 2012 in relation to those Parties which have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or notified provisional application to the Depositary, at least two months before that date, and provided that at least one EFTA State and Montenegro are among them.
3. In case this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 July 2012, it shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after at least one EFTA State and Montenegro have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or notified provisional application to the Depositary.

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

5. If its constitutional requirements permit, a Party may apply this Agreement provisionally pending ratification, acceptance or approval by that Party. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 52

Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

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

Done at Geneva, this 14th day of November 2011, in one original in the English language. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all the Parties.

For Iceland

For Montenegro

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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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