

CHAPTER 14

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 14.1

Annexes and Appendices

The Annexes to this Agreement, including their Appendices, constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14.2

Amendments

1. Any Party may submit proposals for amendments to this Agreement to the Joint Committee for consideration and recommendation.
2. Amendments to this Agreement shall be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with their respective legal requirements. The text of the amendments and the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.
3. Amendments to this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the date on which at least one EFTA State and the Philippines have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary. In relation to an EFTA State depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval after that, the amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument.
4. The Joint Committee may decide to amend the Annexes and Appendices to this Agreement. The decision shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the notification by the last Party that its internal requirements have been fulfilled. Subject to the domestic laws, rules and regulations of the Parties, the Joint Committee may agree on different entry into force provisions.
5. Amendments regarding issues related only to one or several EFTA States and the Philippines shall be agreed upon by the Parties concerned.
6. If its legal requirements permit, a Party may apply any amendment provisionally, pending its entry into force for that Party. Provisional application of amendments shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 14.3

Accession

1. Any State becoming a Member of EFTA may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee approves its accession, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by the Parties and the acceding State.
2. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary. 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 14.4

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 the Philippines withdraws, this Agreement shall expire when its withdrawal becomes 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 14.5

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with the respective legal 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 the first day of the third month following the date on which at least one EFTA State and the Philippines have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary.
3. 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.
4. If its respective legal requirements permit, a Party may apply this Agreement provisionally, pending its entry into force for that Party. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 14.6

Depository

The Government of Norway shall act as Depository.

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

Done at Bern, this 28th day of April 2016, in one original in English, which shall be deposited with the Depositary, who shall transmit certified copies to all the Parties.

For Iceland

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For the Philippines

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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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