

CHAPTER 9 FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 47

Fulfilment of Obligations

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

ARTICLE 48

Annexes and Protocols

The Annexes and Protocols to this Agreement, including their Appendices, are an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 49

Evolutionary Clause

1. 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 relevant factor the possibility of further developing and deepening their co-operation under this Agreement and to extend 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 up negotiations.

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

ARTICLE 50

Amendments

1. The Parties may agree on any amendment to this Agreement. 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 51

Relation to Other International Agreements

1. The provisions of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties under the WTO Agreement and the other agreements negotiated thereunder to which they are a party and any other international agreement to which they are a party.

2. This Agreement shall not preclude the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas, arrangements for frontier trade and other preferential agreements insofar as they do not have the effect of altering the trade arrangements provided for in this Agreement.

3. When a Party enters into a customs union or free trade agreement with a third party it shall, upon request by any other Party, afford adequate opportunity for consultations with the requesting Party.

ARTICLE 52

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 53

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 Serbia 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 54

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 April 2010 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 Serbia is among those Parties.

3. In case this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 April 2010 it shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after at least one EFTA State and Serbia 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, any EFTA State or Serbia may apply this Agreement provisionally pending ratification, acceptance or approval by that Party. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary.

6. This Agreement shall not enter into force or be applied provisionally between an EFTA State and Serbia unless the complementary agreement on trade in agricultural products between that EFTA State and Serbia enters into force or is applied provisionally simultaneously. It shall remain in force between that EFTA State and Serbia as long as the complementary agreement remains in force between them.

ARTICLE 55

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 17th day of December 2009, in one original. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all the Parties.

For Iceland

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For the Republic of Serbia

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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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