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ACCESSION OF ICELAND TO THE EUROPEAN
FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

Addendum

The text of the Decision referred to in L/3328 regarding the accession of Iceland to the European Free Trade Association is reproduced and attached herewith.

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL
No.17 OF 1969

(Adopted at the 36th
Simultaneous Meeting on
4 December 1969)

Accession of Iceland

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the application for membership made by Iceland on
12 November 1968,

Conscious of the importance of removing barriers to trade over as wide an
area as possible,

Desiring to facilitate the development and diversification of the economy of
Iceland,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article 41 and to paragraph 6 of Article 32
of the Convention,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article 8 of the Agreement,

DECIDES:

I. ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION

The accession of Iceland to the Convention establishing the European Free
Trade Association¹ (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) is approved on the
following terms and conditions:

(Article 3, paragraph 2(a))

1. In the case of Iceland sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the
Convention shall apply as if it read:

"On and after each of the following dates, Iceland shall not apply an import
duty on any product at a level exceeding the rates specified against the
dates, and listed below the different basic duties:

¹Distributed with document L/1132 of 5 January 1960.

Basic duties:	2	4	5	10	12	15	20	25	30	35	40	50	60	65	70	75	80	90	100
Date of entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland:	2	4	4	7	8	11	14	18	21	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	55	65	70
1 Jan. 74:	0	3	3	6	7	9	12	15	18	21	24	30	35	40	40	45	50	55	60
1 Jan. 75:	0	3	3	5	6	7	10	13	15	17	20	25	30	30	35	35	40	45	50
1 Jan. 76:	0	2	2	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	16	20	24	25	30	30	30	35	40
1 Jan. 77:	0	2	2	3	4	4	6	7	9	10	12	15	18	20	21	22	25	25	30
1 Jan. 78:	0	0	0	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	16	18	20
1 Jan. 79:	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	10

(All figures are given as percentages)

(Article 3, paragraph 2(b))

2. In the case of Iceland sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention shall apply as if the date referred to in that sub-paragraph were "1 January 1980".

3. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Convention, as made applicable to Iceland by paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Decision, Iceland may at any time before 1 January 1975, increase the existing import duty on a product not then produced in Iceland in significant quantities, or introduce a new import duty on a product, the production of which started in Iceland after 1 January 1970, provided that the import duty so applied

- (i) is necessary to help to promote the development of a specific production;
- (ii) is not on an ad valorem basis higher than the normal level of import duties applied in the most-favoured-nation tariff of Iceland at that time to similar products produced in Iceland.

(b) Iceland shall notify to the Council any duty to be applied in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision not less than thirty days before its introduction. If any Member State so requests, the Council shall examine whether the conditions in that paragraph are fulfilled.

(c) Iceland shall, before 1 January 1980, eliminate new and increased import duties applied in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision. Such duties shall be reduced at an even and progressive rate. Iceland shall notify to the Council the programme of reduction to be applied. The Council shall, at the request of any Member State, examine the programme notified, and may decide to modify it.

(d) At the request of any Member State, the Council may examine at annual intervals the increase in exports from Iceland of any product to which a new or increased duty in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this Decision has been applied, and may in the light of this examination decide that the duty so applied shall be eliminated by a faster programme than a programme established in accordance with paragraph 3(c) of this Decision.

(Article 3, paragraph 3)

4. In the case of Iceland paragraph 3 of Article 3 of the Convention shall apply as if the date referred to in this paragraph were "1 January 1970".

5. In the case of Iceland Article 6 of the Convention shall apply as if

(Article 6, paragraph 3(a))

(a) the date referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 3 were "1 January 1972";

(Article 6, paragraph 3(b))

(b) the date referred to in (ii) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 3 were "1 January 1975"; and

(Article 6, paragraph 3(c))

(c) the date referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 3 were "1 July 1970".

6. In the case of Iceland Article 10 of the Convention shall apply as if

(Article 10, paragraph 2)

(a) the date referred to in paragraph 2 were "31 December 1974";

(Article 10, paragraph 3)

(b) the date referred to in paragraph 3 were "1 January 1975";

(Article 10, paragraph 5)

(c) the words "On 1 July 1960, Member States shall..." appearing at the beginning of paragraph 5 read "On the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland, Iceland shall...";

(Article 10, paragraph 5)

(d) the calendar year appearing at the end of paragraph 5 read "1969";

(Article 10, paragraph 6)

(e) the words "Member States shall ensure that the quota to be established on 1 July 1960,..." appearing in the first sentence of paragraph 6 read "Iceland shall ensure that the quota to be established at the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland...";

(Article 10, paragraph 7)

(f) the words "On 1 July 1961, and on 1 July in each succeeding year, Member States shall..." appearing at the beginning of paragraph 7 read "On 1 January 1971 and on 1 January in each succeeding year, Iceland shall..."; and

(Article 10, paragraph 11(b))

(g) the calendar year mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 11 were "1969".

7. In the case of Iceland Annex A to the Convention shall apply as if

(Annex A, paragraph 2)

(a) the dates referred to in paragraph 2 were "1 January 1970" and "31 December 1974" respectively and

(Annex A, paragraph 4)

(b) the date referred to in paragraph 4 were "1 January 1970".

(Annex B, Rule 12:4)

8. In the case of Iceland paragraph 4 of Rule 12 of Annex B to the Convention shall apply as if it read: "Drawback claimed or made use of in connexion with any exportation, before the date of the entry into force of the Convention in relation to Iceland, of goods from the territory of Iceland or from the territory of another Member State to Iceland, shall not affect their eligibility for Area tariff treatment if they are after that date re-exported from the territory of any other Member State."

II. AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION

9. The word "four" appearing in the third sentence of paragraph 5 of Article 32 of the Convention shall be amended to read "five".

III. ACCESSION TO THE AGREEMENT

10. Iceland shall accede to the Agreement¹ creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).

IV. INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

11. The instrument of accession to be deposited by Iceland with the Government of Sweden shall express its accession to

the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association and the Liechtenstein Protocol, and to

the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland and the Liechtenstein Protocol,

subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Decision.

V. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT

12. The Convention and the Agreement shall enter into force in relation to Iceland

on 1 March 1970, or

thirty days after the entry into force of this Decision, or

thirty days after Iceland has deposited its instrument of accession,

whichever date is the latest.

VI. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS DECISION

13. This Decision shall enter into force when all Member States have either accepted it without reservation or notified the Secretary-General that their affirmative vote has been approved in conformity with their constitutional requirements.

14. The amendment of the Convention provided for by paragraph 9 of this Decision shall, however, enter into force only if the Convention enters into force in relation to Iceland.

VII. NOTIFICATION AND DEPOSIT OF THIS DECISION

15. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden and notify this Decision to the Government of Iceland.

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