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ACCESSION OF ICELAND TO THE CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

Addendum

The secretariat has received the following communication from the Deputy Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association.

I have the honour to transmit the texts of the bilateral agreements concluded between the Government of Iceland on the one hand and the Governments of Denmark and Sweden on the other, on 4 July and 22 December 1969 respectively, concerning supplies of lamb and mutton from Iceland.

Moreover, I can inform you that the Governments of Finland and Norway unilaterally have informed the Icelandic Government of their intention to grant licences for imports of lamb and mutton from Iceland.

Thus, the Finnish authorities on 29 October 1969, declared themselves prepared, once Iceland had become a member of EFTA, to issue, within the framework of the present import levy system in Finland, licences for imports from Iceland of lamb meat up to an annual quota of 100 tons. This quota arrangement will remain in force for a maximum period of three years, after which it can be revised in the light of the prevailing situation.

The Norwegian authorities, on 28 October 1969, informed the Icelandic authorities that from the date of Iceland's accession to EFTA, they intended to grant import licences amounting to 600 tons per year of salted and/or frozen meat of lamb and mutton from Iceland.

AGREED MINUTES

In the course of negotiations held at Geneva on 2-4 July 1969, by delegations of Denmark and Iceland, agreement was reached on the following points:

1. The Government of Denmark grants Iceland an annual duty-free quota for imports of 500 tons fresh and frozen meat of lamb. The quota shall not include imports of meat of lamb into the Faroe Islands.
2. A large part of the Faroe Islands' requirements for imported meat of lamb, which amounted to about 600 tons in 1968, is expected to be met by imports from Iceland in the future.
3. The above provisions shall enter into force together with an agreement, if any, on Iceland's entry into the European Free Trade Association and shall remain in force as long as that agreement is applicable both in Iceland and in Denmark.

Done at Geneva in two copies in Danish on 4 July 1969.

For the Government of Denmark

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For the Government of Iceland

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWEDEN AND ICELAND
ON IMPORT OF MUTTON INTO SWEDEN

In connexion with the negotiations on Iceland's membership in the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) the Governments of Sweden and Iceland have concluded the following agreement.

Article 1

Sweden shall annually establish a quota, free of import duty, for imports of fresh, chilled or frozen mutton and lamb (Statistical Nos. 02.01.701-704).

Article 2

The quota shall be open for imports from EFTA countries. The allocation of imports among these countries shall be carried out with due consideration taken to previous deliveries to Sweden of the products in question during a representative period.

Article 3

The quota shall amount to 500 metric tons and may be utilized during the period 1 February-30 June each year.

Article 4

If the market conditions in Sweden for these products should change in a manifest manner, Sweden shall give favourable consideration to the question of increasing this quota.

On the assumption that Iceland gains accession to the EFTA Convention this agreement shall enter into force as soon as it has been ratified by both parties.

Reykjavik, 22 December 1969.
