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Introduction

1. At its meeting on 21 October 1974 the GATT Council agreed on a timetable by which the contracting parties members of a regional agreement would be invited to submit a biennial report on developments under the agreement concerned. In accordance with this decision of the GATT Council a report on the European Free Trade Association and the Finland-EFTA Association is submitted.

2. In October 1973 the member states of EFTA presented to GATT their report on the progress made in implementing the Stockholm Convention¹. An outline of developments from that date to 30 June 1975 is given below. More detailed information can be found in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Annual Reports² of the European Free Trade Association, covering the periods from 1 July 1973 to 30 June 1974 and from 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975 respectively, as well as in the publications "EFTA Trade 1972"² and "EFTA Trade 1973"², published in April 1974 and April 1975.

European Free Trade Association

3. EFTA's main schedule of tariff and quota dismantling was completed by the end of 1966. Only two member states are now still in a transitional period. According to the timetable for the reduction of the remaining Portuguese tariffs agreed by the

¹L/3916.

²Copies of these publications are being distributed to each contracting party.

EFTA Council in December 1969, Portuguese import duties on EFTA goods will be eliminated by 1 January 1980. According to the timetable laid down in the Decision concerning the accession of Iceland to EFTA, Icelandic import duties on EFTA goods will also be eliminated by 1 January 1980.

4. The rules of origin, which are identical to those applied by each member State and Finland under their Free Trade Agreements concluded with the European Economic Community, have been amended and supplemented by Decisions of the Council. These Decisions provide for the implementation of the rules (including transitional measures) and for administrative co-operation, for a simplification of the rules, in particular in the field of documentation as well as for a number of amendments in order to adapt the rules to the continuous economic development and to the conditions of international trade. (The Decisions (EFTA/DC 15/73, EFTA/DC 19/73, EFTA/DC 21/73, EFTA/DC 11/74, EFTA/DC 15/74, EFTA/DC 16/74) are attached at Annex I.)

5. During the period under review bilateral agricultural agreements entered into force between Finland and Norway on 1 September 1974, between Finland and Austria on 1 October 1974, and between Finland and Portugal on 19 December 1974. (The texts of the agreements are attached at Annex II.)

6. The work done on the removal of technical obstacles to trade and possible ways of extending this work have been under review in the course of the reporting period. As a result of this review, the procedure, first adopted in EFTA in 1964, for the advance notification of new or amended technical regulations which are of significance for intra-EFTA trade (the "INST" procedure¹), was amended in January 1975 with a view to making it more effective. The four schemes in force for the reciprocal recognition of tests and inspections² carried out on gas appliances, pressure vessels, ships' equipment and on agricultural machines and tractors as well as the Convention for the mutual recognition of inspections in respect of the manufacture of pharmaceutical products² have continued to work satisfactorily. A convention on the control and marking of articles of precious metals² entered into force in relations between certain countries (Austria, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland) in June 1975. It should be noted that all these arrangements are concluded outside the framework of the EFTA Convention, they include countries which are not members of EFTA and they provide the possibility for participation by other countries.

7. The balance-of-payments measures introduced by Iceland on 20 May 1974 (GATT Document L/4035) and by Portugal on 31 May 1975 (GATT Document L/4185) have been carefully examined in EFTA. The Icelandic measures were abolished as from 1 January 1975, the Portuguese measures are being kept under review.

¹Copies of the text of the revised "INST" procedure have been forwarded to the GATT Secretariat.

²Copies of the texts have been forwarded to the GATT Secretariat.

Finland-EFTA Association

8. Finland has participated fully in all activities to which reference is made in the preceding paragraphs.

9. All the Decisions of the Council referred to in paragraph 4 and annexed to this Report have effect also in relations between the member States of EFTA and Finland by virtue of corresponding decisions adopted by the Finland-EFTA Joint Council.

10. The balance of payments measures introduced by Finland on 24 March 1975 (GATT Document L/4165) have been carefully examined in EFTA and are being kept under review. It is the intention of the Finnish Government to terminate the import deposit scheme as soon as possible and in any case not later than 24 March 1976.

ANNEX 1

to

PROGRESS REPORT TO GATT

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION AND
THE FINLAND-EFTA ASSOCIATION

Information furnished by Member States

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DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 15 OF 1973

(Adopted at the 29th Simultaneous Meeting
on 25th October 1973)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 25 OF AND APPENDIX 1 TO
PART I OF ANNEX B TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the
Convention,

DECIDES:

1. In sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 1 of Article 25 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention, the words "of Chapters 50 to 62" in the English text and the words "des chapitres 50 à 62" in the French text shall be deleted.
2. The list of commodities (Columns 1 and 2) contained in that Article shall be replaced by the list (Columns 1 and 2) as set out at Annex (English and French texts) to this Decision.
3. Explanatory Note 12 in Appendix 1 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be deleted.
4. This Decision shall enter into force on 1st November 1973.
5. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

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ANNEX TO
DECISION OF
THE COUNCIL NO. 15 OF 1973

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
<u>Products used</u>	<u>Products obtained</u>
1. ex 11.08 Maize and potato starches	ex 35.05 Starch glues
2. 73.12 Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled	73.18 Tubes and pipes and blanks therefor, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel, excluding high pressure hydro-electric conduits
3. 74.01 Copper matte; unwrought copper (refined or not); copper waste and scrap	(74.03 Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, of copper; copper wire ((74.04 Wrought plates, sheets and strip, of copper ((74.05 Copper foil (whether or not embossed, cut to shape, perforated, coated, printed, or backed with paper or other reinforcing material), of a thickness (excluding any backing) not exceeding 0.15 mm ((74.06 Copper powders and flakes ((74.07 Tubes and pipes and blanks therefor, of copper; hollow bars of copper ((74.08 Tube and pipe fittings (for example, joints, elbows, sockets and flanges), of copper ((74.10 Stranded wire, cables, cordage, ropes, plaited bands and the like, of copper wire, but excluding insulated electric wires and cables (

<u>Column 1</u> <u>Products used</u>	<u>Column 2</u> <u>Products obtained</u>
	(85.23 Insulated (including (enamelled or anodised) (electric wire, cable, bars, (strip and the like ((including co-axial cable), (whether or not fitted with (connectors
4. 75.01 Nickel mattes, nickel speiss and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy; unwrought nickel (excluding electro-plating anodes); nickel waste and scrap	(75.02 Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections, of nickel; nickel wire (((75.03 Wrought plates, sheets and strip, of nickel; nickel foil; nickel powders and flakes (((75.04 Tubes and pipes and blanks therefor, of nickel; hollow bars, and tube and pipe fittings (for example, joints, elbows, sockets and flanges), of nickel ((
5. ex 85.24 Carbon electrodes	ex 85.24 Graphite electrodes
6. Materials not falling within Chapters 50 to 62	All goods falling within Chapters 50 to 62
7. ex Fibres, yarn, monofil Chapters and strip of textile 50 to 57 materials, other than those predominating in weight provided that their weight does not exceed 10% of the total weight of all the textile materials incorporated in the finished good	All products of Chapters 50 to 62 containing two or more textile materials
8. ex Yarn Chapters 50 to 59	(ex 60.04 Under garments, complete and ready to wear ((ex 60.05 Outer garments and other articles, complete and ready for wear or use, other than blankets ((

Column 1Products usedColumn 2Products obtained

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| <p>9. ex Woven fabric, not
 Chapters embroidered, provided
 50 to 59 that the value of the
 woven fabric does not
 exceed 50% of the value
 of the finished good</p> <p>10. ex Trimmings and accessories
 Chapters (excluding linings)
 50 to 62</p> <p>11. ex 57.07 Sisal yarn</p> <p>12. 50.03 Silk waste (including)
 cocoons unsuitable for)
 reeling, silk noils)
 and pulled or)
 garnetted rags))
)
 56.03 Waste (including yarn)
 waste and pulled or)
 garnetted rags) of)
 man-made fibres)
 (continuous or dis-)
 continuous), not)
 carded, combed or)
 otherwise prepared for)
 spinning)</p> <p>13. 53.05 Sheep's or lambs' wool
 or other animal hair
 (fine or coarse), carded
 or combed</p> | <p>ex 62.02 Goods as follows,
 embroidered:
 table linen, curtains, table
 runners, chair-backs; arm-
 rests and cushion covers
 (excluding bed linen) and
 furnishing articles for
 churches and similar places
 of worship</p> <p>All goods falling within Chapter 60,
 Heading Nos. 61.01 to 61.04, 61.06,
 61.07, 61.09 to 61.11 (complete and
 ready to wear), 61.05 (complete and
 ready for use), and goods within
 Heading No. 61.08 and Chapter 62</p> <p>ex 58.02 Sisal carpets</p> <p>All goods falling within
 Chapters 50 to 62</p> <p>All goods falling within
 Chapters 50 to 57</p> |
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<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
<u>Products used</u>	<u>Products obtained</u>
14. ex 56.01 Synthetic textile fibres) (discontinuous), not carded, combed or other- wise prepared for spinning	All goods falling within Chapters 50 to 57, <u>except</u> heading 56.04: Man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning
ex 56.02 Continuous filament tow for the manufacture of synthetic textile fibres) (discontinuous)	The following goods falling within Chapters 58 to 62: ex 59.01 Sanitary towels ex 59.04 Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not, other than single yarn. composed solely of con- tinuous synthetic textile fibres

Column 1

Products used

15. ex 56.01 Fibres and continuous
ex 56.02 filament tow of poly-
propylene, provided
that their value does
not exceed 40% of the
value of the finished
good
16. ex Yarn
Chapters
50 to 57

Column 2

Products obtained

- ex 59.02 Needled felt, whether
or not impregnated or
coated
- ex 50.09 Woven fabrics, dyed,
containing 80% or more by
weight of silk or waste
silk other than noil
- ex 51.04 Woven fabrics of man-made
fibres (continuous),
flocked
- ex 55.09 Other woven cotton fabrics,
flocked
- ex 55.09 Organdies, bleached,
mercerised and parchementised
- ex 56.07 Woven fabrics of man-made
fibres (discontinuous or
waste), flocked
- 58.01 Carpets, carpeting and
rugs, knotted (made up
or not)
- ex 59.01 Sanitary towels
- ex 59.15 Textile hosepipng and
similar tubing in which
linen or true hemp or
both materials together
represent not more than
50% of the weight of the
textile components
- ex 59.17 Bolting cloth

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
<u>Products used</u>	<u>Products obtained</u>
	ex 59.17 Textile articles other than the goods defined in Note 5 (a) to Chapter 59
	ex 60.03 Stockings, under-stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, complete and ready to wear
	ex 60.06 Articles of the kinds falling within headings 60.02 to 60.05, knitted or crocheted and elastic or rubberised complete and ready to wear or ready for use
17. ex Single yarn Chapters 50 to 59	59.05 Nets and netting made of twine, cordage, or rope, and made up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope
	59.06 Other articles made from yarn, twine, cordage, rope or cables, other than textile fabrics and articles made from such fabrics
18. ex Single yarn Chapters 55 and 56	ex 58.08 Knotted net fabrics, having a uniform square or diamond-shaped mesh knotted at each corner, entirely made of cotton or synthetic textile fibres
19. ex 51.01 Yarn of synthetic textile fibre (continuous), not put up for retail sale	(ex 58.08 Knotted net fabrics, having a uniform square or diamond-shaped mesh knotted at each corner, entirely made of cotton or of synthetic textile fibres

Column 1

Products used

ex 51.02 Monofil, strip
(artificial straw and
the like) and
imitation catgut, of
synthetic textile
materials.

Column 2

Products obtained

(ex 59.04 Twine, cordage, ropes and
(cables, plaited or not
(other than single yarn
(composed solely of
(continuous synthetic
(textile fibres

(59.05 Nets and netting made of
(twine, cordage or rope,
(and made up fishing nets
(of yarn, twine, cordage
(or rope

(59.06 Other articles made from yarn,
(twine, cordage, rope or
(cables, other than textile
(fabrics and articles made
(from such fabrics

20. ex 51.01 Yarn, monofil, strip
ex 51.02 (artificial straw and
ex 56.05 the like) and imita-
tion catgut, of
cuprammonium fibres

58.06 Woven labels, badges and the
like, not embroidered, in
the piece, in strips or cut
to shape or size

21. ex 51.02 Monofil of polyesters

ex 59.17 Fabrics (other than felted
fabrics of textile fibres),
of a kind commonly used in
machinery for making or
finishing cellulosic pulp,
paper or paperboard,
including fabrics of
tubular or endless kind

22. ex Fabric and other goods
Chapters except those falling
50 to 59 within headings 59.10
and 59.11

59.10 Linoleum and materials
prepared on a textile base in
a similar manner to linoleum,
whether or not cut to shape
or of a kind used as floor
coverings; floor coverings
consisting of a coating
applied on a textile base,
cut to shape or not

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
<u>Products used</u>	<u>Products obtained</u>
	ex 59.11 Plates, sheets and strip, of expanded foam or sponge rubber, combined with textile fabric
23. ex Fabric (excluding Chapters 50 to 59 linings), provided that the value of the fabric (linings, trimmings and accessories not included) does not exceed 45% of the value of the finished good	ex 61.01 Men's and boys' outer garments complete and ready to wear
	ex 61.02 Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments, complete and ready to wear, of the following kinds: frocks, skirts, jackets, trousers (other than trousers whose fabric falls within headings 55.08 and 55.09), suits (consisting of a jacket and skirt or a jacket and trousers) and coats
24. ex Fabric, including Chapters 50 to 60 knitted or crocheted fabric, provided that the value of the fabric does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished good	ex 61.09 Brassieres, corsets, corset-belts, suspender belts, girdle corsets and other articles designed for wear as body-supporting garments, whether or not elastic, complete and ready to wear.

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 19 OF 1973

(Adopted at the 35th Simultaneous Meeting
on 13th December 1973)

AMENDMENT OF PART I OF ANNEX B TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the
Convention;

DECIDES:

1. Article 8 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention
shall be amended to read:

"1. Originating products within the meaning of this Part
of Annex B shall, on import into a Member State be
accepted as eligible for Area tariff treatment or the
treatment referred to in Article 25 bis upon submission
of an EUR.1 movement certificate, a specimen of which
is given in Appendix 5, issued by the Customs authorities
of the exporting Member State.

2. Where Article 2, and where appropriate, Article 3
are applied, the certificates shall be issued by the
Customs authorities of each of the countries concerned
where the goods have either been held before their
re-exportation in the same state or undergone the
working or processing referred to in Article 2, upon
presentation of the movement certificates issued
previously.

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 3 of Article 5,
where, at the request of the person declaring the goods
at Customs a dismantled or non-assembled article falling
within Chapters 84 or 85 of the Brussels Nomenclature
is imported by instalments on the conditions laid down
by the competent authorities, it shall be considered to
be a single article and a movement certificate may be
submitted for the whole article upon importation of
the first instalment.

"4. The Customs authorities of the Member States shall be authorized to issue the movement certificates specified in the agreements referred to in Article 2 under the conditions laid down in those agreements provided that the goods covered by the certificates are in their territory. A specimen of the certificate to be used is given in Appendix 5."

2. Article 9 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"A movement certificate shall be issued only on application having been made in writing by the exporter. Such application shall be made on the form of which a specimen is given in Appendix 5, which shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of this Part of Annex B."

3. Paragraph 2 of Article 10 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"2. Applications for movement certificates and for certificates referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 8, upon presentation of which new certificates are issued, must be preserved for at least two years by the Customs authorities of the exporting country."

4. Paragraph 3 of Article 10 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be deleted.

5. Paragraph 3 of Article 11 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"3. Movement certificates shall be preserved by the Customs authorities of the importing Member State in accordance with the rules in force in that Member State."

6. Article 12 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"Movement certificates shall be made out on the form of which a specimen is given in Appendix 5. This form shall be printed in one or more of the official languages of a Member State or in English. Certificates shall be made out in one of these languages and in accordance with the provisions of the domestic law of the exporting Member State; if they are handwritten, they shall be completed in ink in printscript."

Each certificate shall measure 210 x 297 mm, a tolerance of up to 5 mm less and 8 mm more being permissible as regards length. The paper used must be white sized writing paper not containing mechanical pulp and weighing not less than 25 grammes per square metre. It shall have a printed green guilloche pattern background making any falsification by mechanical or chemical means apparent to the eye.

The Member States may reserve the right to print the certificates themselves or may have them printed by appointed printers. In the latter case, each certificate must include reference to such approval. Each certificate must bear the name and address of the printer or a mark by which the printer can be identified. It shall also bear a serial number by which it can be identified."

7. Article 20 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"The Explanatory Notes, Lists A, B and C and the specimen movement certificate shall form an integral part of Part I of this Annex."

8. Explanatory Note 7 in Appendix 1 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be deleted.

9. The second sentence of Explanatory Note 8 in Appendix 1 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be deleted.

10. Appendix 5 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be replaced by Appendix 5 (showing the specimen movement certificate EUR.1) as set out at Annex to this Decision.

11. Appendix 6 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be deleted.

12. Movement certificates made out on the forms as shown in Appendices 5 or 6 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention as they stood before 1st January 1974 may continue to be used until stocks are used up, under the conditions laid down in this Decision.

13. This Council Decision shall enter into force on 1st January 1974.

14. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

APPENDIX 5 TO PART I

Movement certificate referred to in Article 8.

MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE

1. Exporter (Name, full address, country)		EUR. 1 No. A 000.000		
		See notes overleaf before completing this form		
		2. Certificate used in preferential trade between		
3. Consignee (Name, full address, country) (Optional)		(insert appropriate countries, groups of countries or territories)		
		4. Country, group of countries or territory of exportation	5. Country, group of countries or territory of destination	
		7. Remarks		
6. Transport details (Optional)				
1) If goods are not packed, indicate number of articles or state "in bulk" as appropriate.	8. Item number; marks and numbers Number and kind of packages (1); description of goods		9. Gross weight (kg) or other measure (litres, cu.m, etc.)	10. Invoices (Optional)
2) Complete only where the regulations of the exporting country or territory require.	11. CUSTOMS ENDORSEMENT Declaration certified. Export document (2): Form No. Customs' office: Issuing country or territory: Date (Signature)		12. DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER I, the undersigned, declare that the goods described above meet the conditions required for the issue of this certificate. Place and date: (Signature)	

Stamp

<p>13. REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION, to</p>	<p>14. RESULT OF VERIFICATION</p>
<p>Verification of the authenticity and accuracy of this certificate is requested.</p> <p>..... (Place and date) Stamp</p> <p>..... (Signature)</p>	<p>Verification carried out shows that this certificate (1)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> was issued by the Customs Office indicated and that the information contained therein is accurate.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the requirements as to authenticity and accuracy (see remarks appended).</p> <p>..... (Place and date) Stamp</p> <p>..... (Signature)</p> <p>(1) Insert X in the appropriate box.</p>

NOTES

1. Certificates must not contain erasures or words written over one another. Any alterations must be made by deleting the incorrect particulars and adding any necessary corrections. Any such alteration must be initialled by the person who completed the certificate and endorsed by the Customs authorities of the issuing country or territory.
2. No spaces must be left between the items entered on the certificate and each item must be preceded by an item number. A horizontal line must be drawn immediately below the last item. Any unused space must be struck through in such a manner as to make any later additions impossible.
3. Goods must be described in accordance with commercial practice and with sufficient detail to enable them to be identified.

APPLICATION FOR A MOVEMENT CERTIFICATE

1. Exporter (Name, full address, country)		EUR. 1		No. A 000.000	
		See notes overleaf before completing this form			
3. Consignee (Name, full address, country) (Optional)		2. Application for a certificate to be used in preferential trade between			
		and			
		(insert appropriate countries, groups of countries or territories)			
6. Transport details (Optional)		4. Country, group of countries or territory of exportation		5. Country, group of countries or territory of destination	
7. Remarks					
8. Item number; marks and numbers Number and kind of packages (1); description of goods		9. Gross weight (kg) or other measure (litres, cu.m, etc.)		10. Invoices (Optional)	
12. DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER		I, the undersigned, declare that the goods described above meet the conditions required for the issue of the attached certificate.			
Place and date:					
(Signature)					

1) If goods are not packed, indicate number of articles or state "in bulk" as appropriate.

DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER

I, the undersigned, exporter of the goods described overleaf,

DECLARE that the goods meet the conditions required for the issue of the attached certificate;

SPECIFY as follows the circumstances which have enabled these goods to meet the above conditions:

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SUBMIT the following supporting documents (1):

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UNDERTAKE to submit, at the request of the appropriate authorities, any supporting evidence which these authorities may require for the purpose of issuing the attached certificate, and undertake, if required, to agree to any inspection of my accounts and to any check on the processes of manufacture of the above goods, carried out by the said authorities;

REQUEST the issue of the attached certificate for these goods.

.....
(Place and date)

.....
(Signature)

(1) For example: import documents, movement certificates, invoices, manufacturer's declarations, etc., referring to the products used in manufacture or to the goods re-exported in the same state.

The Member States are free to add further notes on the conditions of issue and the completion of a movement certificate on the "Declaration by the Exporter" (last page of the movement certificate). The following example is recommended to Member States:

How this Form should be used when Article 25(1)
treatment (EFTA rates of duty) is claimed

Article 25(1) of Part I of Annex B to the EFTA Convention and of the Protocol No. 3 of the Agreements between EFTA countries and the EEC prescribes conditions under which goods may be admitted to EFTA countries and Denmark and the United Kingdom at EFTA rates of duty. If the goods fulfil these origin conditions (and also the drawback condition in Article 23) the following words should be written or typed boldly on the Movement Certificate in the "Remarks" space "ARTICLE 25(1) SATISFIED".

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 21 OF 1973

(Adopted at the 35th Simultaneous Meeting
on 13th December 1973)

AMENDMENT OF APPENDIX 2 TO PART I OF
ANNEX B TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the Convention,

DECIDES:

1. The footnote concerning heading No. 19.05 in List A as set out in Appendix 2 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended to read:

"⁽¹⁾ This rule does not apply where the use of maize of the *zea indurata* type or durum wheat is concerned."

2. This Council Decision shall enter into force on 1st January 1974.

3. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

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DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 11 OF 1974

(Adopted at the 18th Simultaneous Meeting
on 11th July 1974)

AMENDMENT OF PART I OF ANNEX B TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the Convention,

DECIDES:

1. Article 8 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended by the insertion of a new paragraph 4 which shall read:

"4. Accessories, spare parts and tools despatched with a piece of equipment, machine, apparatus or vehicle which are part of the normal equipment and included in the price thereof or are not separately invoiced are regarded as one with the piece of equipment, machine, apparatus or vehicle in question."

2. Paragraph 4 of Article 8 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention (English and French texts) shall be renumbered paragraph 5.
3. The reference to paragraph 4 of Article 8 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention in Note 9 in Appendix 1 to Part I of Annex B (English and French texts) shall be replaced by a reference to paragraph 5 of Article 8.
4. This Council Decision shall be applied as of 1st September 1974.
5. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 15 OF 1974

(Adopted at the 29th Simultaneous Meeting
on 12th December 1974)

AMENDMENT OF PART I OF ANNEX B TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the Convention,

DECIDES:

1. List A in Appendix 2 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended:

- (a) by inserting the provision set out at Annex I to this Decision (English and French texts) according to the numerical order of the tariff headings;
- (b) by replacing the provisions relating to the tariff headings 50.04, 50.05, 50.06, 50.07, and 54.03 with the provisions set out at Annex II (English and French texts) to this Decision;
- (c) by adding to the description of the working or processing that confers the status of originating products (in the fourth column) relating to the tariff headings 78.02, 78.03, 78.04, 78.05 and 78.06 a footnote which shall read:

"These particular provisions do not apply where the products are obtained from products which have acquired the status of originating products in accordance with the conditions laid down in List B."

2. List B in Appendix 3 to Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be amended:

- (a) by inserting the provisions set out at Annex III to this Decision (English and French texts) according to the numerical order of the tariff headings;
- (b) by replacing the provisions concerning Chapters 38 and 39 and tariff heading ex 70.13 with the provisions set out at Annex IV (English and French texts) to this Decision;
- (c) by replacing the introductory provision relating to the description of working or processing that confers the status of originating products (in the third column) with the following provision:

"Incorporation of non-originating materials and parts in boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances, etc., of Chapters 84 to 92, in boilers and radiators of heading No. 73.37 and in the products contained in headings No. 97.07 and No. 98.03 does not make such products lose their status of originating products, provided that the value of these products, parts and pieces does not exceed 5 per cent of the value of the finished product.".

3. This Decision shall enter into force on 1st January 1975.

4. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

Products obtained		Working or processing that does not confer the status of originating products	Working or processing that confers the status of originating products when the following conditions are met
Customs tariff heading No.	Description		
ex 59.02 (1)	Needled felt, whether or not impregnated or coated		Manufacture either from natural fibres or from chemical products or textile pulp; manufacture from polypropylene fibre or continuous filament of which the denomination of the filaments is less than 8 denier and the value of which does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product
ex 61.01	Fire resisting equipment of cloth covered by foil of aluminised polyester		Manufacture from uncoated cloth the value of which does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product (1) (2)
ex 61.02	Fire resisting equipment of cloth covered by foil of aluminised polyester		Manufacture from uncoated cloth the value of which does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product (1) (2)
ex 61.10	Fire resisting equipment of cloth covered by foil of aluminised polyester		Manufacture from uncoated cloth the value of which does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product (1) (2)

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Products obtained		Working or processing that does not confer the status of originating products	Working or processing that confers the status of originating products when the following conditions are met
Customs tariff heading No.	Description		
50.04 (1)	Silk yarn, other than yarn of noil or other waste silk, not put up for retail sale		Manufacture from products other than those of heading No. 50.04
50.05 (1)	Yarn spun from silk waste other than noil, not put up for retail sale		Manufacture from products of heading No. 50.03
50.06 (1)	Yarn spun from noil silk, not put up for retail sale		Manufacture from products of heading No. 50.03
50.07 (1)	Silk yarn and yarn spun from noil or other waste silk, put up for retail sale		Manufacture from products of headings Nos. 50.01 to 50.03
54.03 (1)	Flax or ramie yarn, not put up for retail sale		Manufacture from products of heading No. 54.01 neither carded nor combed or from products of heading No. 54.02

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Finished products		Working or processing that confers the status of originating products
Customs Tariff heading No.	Description	
ex 38.07	Sulphate turpentine, purified	Purification consisting of the distillation or refining of raw sulphate turpentine
ex 39.02	Ionomer film	Manufacture from a thermoplastic partial salt which is a copolymer of ethylene and metacrylic acid partly neutralized with metal ions, mainly zinc and sodium
ex 50.03	Silk waste, carded or combed	Carding or combing of silk waste
ex 59.14	Incandescent gas mantles	Manufacture from tubular gas-mantle fabric
ex 75.01	Unwrought nickel, except nickel alloys	Refining by electrolysis, by fusion or chemically of waste and scrap
ex 76.01	Unwrought aluminium	Manufacture by thermal or electrolytic treatment of unalloyed aluminium, waste and scrap
ex 78.01	Refined lead	Manufacture by thermal refining from bullion lead
ex 83.06	Ornaments of a kind used indoors other than statuettes, of base metal	Working or processing in which the value of the non-originating materials used does not exceed 30% of the value of the finished product

Finished products		Working or processing that confers the status of originating products
Customs Tariff heading No.	Description	
85.14	Microphones and stands therefor; loudspeakers; audio- frequency electric amplifiers	Working, processing or assembly in which the value of the non- originating materials and parts used does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product and provided that at least 50% in value of the materials and parts used are originating products(1)
85.15	Radiotelegraphic and radiotelephonic transmission and reception apparatus; radio broadcasting and television trans- mission and reception apparatus (including receivers incorporat- ing sound recorders or reproducers) and television cameras; radio navigational aid apparatus, radar apparatus and radio remote control apparatus	Working, processing or assembly in which the value of the non- originating materials and parts used does not exceed 40% of the value of the finished product and provided that at least 50% in value of the materials and parts used are originating products(1)
ex 94.01	Chairs and other seats (other than those falling within heading No. 94.02) whether or not con- vertible into beds, made of base metals	Working, processing or assembly in which unstuffed cotton cloth is used of a weight of 300 gr/m ² or less in the form ready to use, of which the value does not exceed 25% of the value of the finished product(2)

- (1) The application of this rule must not have the effect of allowing the exceeding of the percentage of 3% for non-originating transistors laid down in List A for the same tariff heading.
- (2) This rule does not apply when the general rule of change of tariff heading is applied to the other non-originating parts which are part of the composition of the finished product.

Finished products		Working or processing that confers the status of originating products
Customs Tariff heading No.	Description	
ex 94.03	Other furniture, of base metal	Working, processing or assembly in which unstuffed cotton cloth is used of a weight of 300 gr/m ² or less in the form ready to use, of which the value does not exceed 25% of the value of the finished product(2)

- (2) This rule does not apply when the general rule of change of tariff heading is applied to the other non-originating parts which are part of the composition of the finished product.

Finished products		Working or processing that confers the status of originating products
Customs tariff heading No.	Description	
ex Chapter 38	Miscellaneous chemical products, with the exception of refined tall oil (ex 38.05) and sulphate turpentine, refined (ex 38.07)	Working or processing in which the value of the non-originating materials used does not exceed 20% of the value of the finished product
ex Chapter 39	Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers and articles thereof, except films of ionomers (ex 39.02)	Working or processing in which the value of the non-originating materials used does not exceed 20% of the value of the finished product
70.13	Glassware (other than articles falling in heading No. 70.19) of a kind commonly used for table, kitchen, toilet or office purposes, for indoor decoration or for similar uses	Cutting of glass objects the value of which does not exceed 50% of the value of the finished product or decoration, entirely done by hand, excepting screen printing, of mouth blown glass objects the value of which does not exceed 50% of the value of the finished product

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 16 OF 1974

(Adopted at the 29th Simultaneous Meeting
on 12th December 1974)

SUSPENSION OF THE APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF
ARTICLE 23 OF PART I OF ANNEX B
TO THE CONVENTION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the Convention,

DECIDES:

1. The application of paragraph 1 of Article 23 of Part I of Annex B to the Convention shall be suspended until 31st December 1975.
2. This Decision shall enter into force on 1st January 1975.
3. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden.

Annex II to
PROGRESS REPORT TO GATT

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION AND
THE FINLAND-EFTA ASSOCIATION

Information furnished by Member States

Bilateral agricultural agreements Finland-Norway,
Finland-Austria and Finland-Portugal.

FINNISH-NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT ON TRADE
IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Government of the Republic of Finland and the
Government of the Kingdom of Norway,

Having regard to the provisions of the Agreement of
27th March 1961 creating an association between the Member
States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic
of Finland;

Having regard to the provisions in Article 23 of the
Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association;

Desirous of attaining the objectives set out in
Articles 22 and 27 of the Convention and of promoting trade in
agricultural and fishery products between Finland and the
Member States of the European Free Trade Association,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties declare their readiness to promote
trade in agricultural and fishery products, taking into
consideration their respective agricultural and fishery policies
and the possibilities under their legislation and international
obligations.

Article 2

1. Norway will, to the greatest possible extent, cover her
supplementary requirements for beef, veal and pork by imports
of fresh and chilled products.
2. Norway will abolish the Customs duties on the following
agricultural products originating in and exported from Finland:

Norwegian Customs
Tariff Heading

Description of products

ex 02.01

Pork, fresh, chilled or frozen,
whole or half carcasses

04.03

Butter

ex 04.05

Poultry eggs in shell

Article 3

The Contracting Parties express their willingness to expand exports of grain from Finland to Norway.

Article 4

Finland will abolish the Customs duties on the following fishery products originating in and exported from Norway:

Finnish Customs Tariff Heading

Description of products

ex 03.01

Fresh, chilled or frozen fish
and fresh and chilled fillets of:

cod (gadus morhua)
haddock (gadus aeglefinus)
saithe (pollachius vireus)
redfish (sebastes spp.)
halibut (hippoglossus hippo-
glossus)
greenland halibut (hippoglossus
reinhardtius)
mackerel (scomber spp.)

ex 03.02

Salted/dried fish of cod and
saithe

Article 5

Finland undertakes to fix the import levy on hardened marine fat (Finnish Customs Tariff Heading 15.12.105) when originating in and exported from Norway at a level of 30 pennies/kg. below that on refined animal and vegetable oils and fats belonging to Finnish Customs Tariff Headings 15.04, 15.07 and 15.12.

Article 6

The development of the trade in agricultural and fishery products between Finland and Norway and the fulfilment of the aims set out in this Agreement shall be subject to consultations between the two Parties at the request of either Party in which further possibilities of increasing trade will be duly considered.

Article 7

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the day the Contracting Parties have notified each other that the necessary constitutional procedures have been completed. In accordance with Article 23, paragraph 2 of the Convention it shall remain in force as long as the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland is applicable to both Finland and Norway.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done, at Helsinki, on the 22nd February 1974 in duplicate in the Finnish and Norwegian languages both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of Finland

(signed) Mauri Eggert

For the Government of the
Kingdom of Norway

(signed) Knut Thommessen

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AUSTRIAN-FINNISH AGREEMENT CONCERNING TRADE
IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of Finland,

Having regard to the provisions of the Agreement of 27th March, 1961, creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland;

Having regard to the provisions in Article 23 of the Convention of 4th January, 1960, establishing the European Free Trade Association;

Desirous of attaining the objectives set out in Article 22 of the Convention and of promoting trade in agricultural products between Finland and the Member States of the European Free Trade Association,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties declare their readiness to promote trade in agricultural products, taking into consideration their respective agricultural policies and the possibilities under their existing legislation and international obligations. Particularly in the administration of imports of agricultural products they shall endeavour to take account of the Partner's interests.

Article 2

The Austrian authorities take note of the Finnish wish to export pork under Customs Tariff No. 02.01 to Austria and given an import need shall take every appropriate measure, under the existing import system, to increase imports of pork from Finland.

Article 3

The Austrian authorities shall take every appropriate measure, under the existing import system, in order to give Finland the possibility to increase its exports of hens' eggs and whole egg under Customs Tariff No. 04.05 to Austria.

Article 4

In the importation of oat and barley the Austrian authorities shall see to it that supplies from Finland, the price and quality of which correspond to the conditions for import permits imposed by the "Getreidewirtschaftsfonds", be considered.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall duly consider the possibilities to expand and diversify agricultural imports from each other.

Article 6

Finland shall apply the following tariff reductions to imports of Austrian wines:

White wines and white sparkling wines, the alcohol content of which does not exceed 14% in volume and of the following Austrian appellations of origin:

"Burgenland", "Donauland", "Thermenregion", "Weinviertel",
"Steiermark", "Wien".

22.05.102 in bottles	40% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty
22.05.213 in bottles.	40% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty
22.05.290 in bulk	15% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty

Article 7

The Contracting Parties express their willingness to study carefully all problems arising in the trade of agricultural products between the two countries; especially problems concerning the products referred to above. In particular, the authorities shall see to it that no such measures be taken which restrain or hinder the carrying out of the above arrangements.

Article 8

The development of the agricultural trade between Austria and Finland and the fulfillment of the aims set out in this agreement shall be subject to consultations between the parties concerned, at the request of either party.

Article 9

This agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the day the Contracting Parties have notified each other that the necessary constitutional procedures have been completed. In accordance with Article 23 paragraph 2 of the Convention it shall remain in force as long as the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland is applicable to both Austria and Finland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at Vienna the 19th day of December, 1973, in two originals in the English language.

For the Austrian Federal Government : For the Government of Finland:

Steiger m.p.

Mauri Eggert m.p.

FINNISH-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT CONCERNING
TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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The Government of Portugal and the Government of Finland;

Having regard to the provisions of the Agreement creating an association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland;

Having regard to the provisions set out in Article 23 of the Convention of 4th January, 1960, establishing the European Free Trade Association;

Desirous of realizing the aims set out in Article 22 of the Convention and in order to promote trade in agricultural products between Finland and the Member States of the European Free Trade Association;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Finnish authorities shall give favourable consideration to the granting of licences for importation from Portugal of fruits and vegetables, fresh, chilled or dehydrated, flowers and ornamental plants.

Article 2

Finland shall reduce her import levies on the agricultural products given below to the following level when imported into Finland from Portugal provided that the products are eligible for Area tariff treatment:

<u>Finnish tariff position</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Import levy % or Markka/kg. applied to imports from Portugal</u>
08.04.100	Grapes, fresh	0
08.04.200	Grapes, dried	0
20.02.200	Beans	0.75 Markka/kg.
20.02.909	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid	0.75 Markka/kg.

Article 3

Finland shall apply the following tariff reductions to imports of Portuguese wines:

- (a) Wines, the alcohol content of which does not exceed 14 per cent in volume and with the following Portuguese appellations of origin: "Bairrada", "Bucelas", "Colares", "Dão", "Douro", "Ribatejo", "Setúbal", "Torres Vedras", "Vinho Verde".

Finnish tariff
position

22.05.213 in bottles 40% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty
22.05.290 in bulk 15% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty

- (b) Wines, the alcohol content of which exceeds 14 per cent in volume and with the following Portuguese appellations of origin: "Porto", "Madeira", "Moscatel de Setúbal", and "Carcavelos".

Finnish tariff
position

22.05.310 in bottles 40% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty
22.05.390 in bulk 15% reduction in the Finnish m.f.n. duty

Article 4

Finnish authorities shall study possibilities to expand and diversify agricultural imports from Portugal.

Article 5*

Portugal shall eliminate her Customs duties according to the timetable set out in Annex G to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Area for the following agricultural products when imported from Finland provided that the products are eligible for Area tariff treatment:

<u>Portuguese tariff</u> <u>position</u>	<u>Description</u>
ex 02.01.03	Pork
04.03	Butter

* As amended by agreement between the two Governments before the ratification and entry into force of the Agreement

Article 6

As long as in Portugal quantitative import restrictions are applied to the following products, the Portuguese authorities shall grant licences for at least the following annual quantities for imports from Finland:

<u>Portuguese tariff position</u>	<u>Description</u>	
02.01.01	Beef and veal	1,000 t
ex 02.01.03	Pork	2,000 t
04.03	Butter	1,500 t

Article 7

Portuguese authorities shall study possibilities to import fodder grain and malt from Finland.

Article 8

The development of agricultural trade between Finland and Portugal shall be subject to annual consultations. During the consultations particular attention shall be paid to the fulfilment of the provisions of the present Agreement and to the possibilities to find new products for inclusion in the Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into force upon ratification by both Parties concerned and shall remain in force as long as the Agreement creating an Association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland is applicable to both Finland and Portugal.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Lisbon the 29th day of January 1973, in two identical copies in the English language.

For the Government of the
Republic of Portugal

(signed) Tomaz Andresen

For the Government of the
Republic of Finland

(signed) Mauri Eggert