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Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreements

This report covers the period from the entry into force of the Agreements until 31 October 1975.

The FTA, between the EEC and Norway entered into force on 1 July 1973, and the FTA between the member States of the ECSC and the ECSC, on the one hand, and Norway, on the other hand, entered into force on 1 January 1975.

The objective of the Agreements is to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all the trade between the parties, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the establishment of free-trade areas.

The Agreements have functioned normally and have been applied in accordance with their provisions.

The main results are as follows:

1. During the period covered by the report tariffs have been reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Agreements to 40 per cent of their basic rates (since 1 January 1975).
2. On the date of the entry into force of the Agreements no quantitative import restrictions regarding products covered by the Agreements existed between the parties, nor were any such restrictions introduced in the period under review.
3. Protocol No. 1 of the Agreement EEC/Norway, and the Protocol of the Agreement ECSC/Norway, foresee a slower than normal rhythm of tariff reduction for certain sensitive products, and Protocol No. 2 of the Agreement EEC/Norway provides for tariff reductions on processed agricultural products. Both protocols have been applied as foreseen.

4. The rules of origin in Protocol No. 3 of the Agreement EEC/Norway which determine the eligibility of products for the tariff reduction under the Agreements have been applied as foreseen. In accordance with the provisions of this Protocol the rules have, in specific cases, been amended and supplemented in order to facilitate their implementation and application (see Annex).
5. Two Joint Committees have been established to administer and supervise the implementation of the Agreements and also to act as a forum for the information and consultation procedures foreseen in the Agreements.

The Joint Committees have taken a certain number of decisions which provide for a simplification of the procedures of administrative co-operation and documentation (in particular the movement certificate)(see Annex).

6. Commercial incidence

Approximately 90 per cent of the imports of the Communities from Norway are covered by the Agreements. On exports from the Communities to Norway this figure is 95 per cent.

Volume of commercial exchanges EC/Norway in millions of EUR*

- Imports to the EC from Norway

1972:	1,480
1973:	1,820
1974:	2,280

- Exports to Norway from the EC

1972:	1,730
1973:	2,214
1974:	2,672

*Source: EEC Statistical Office.

ANNEX

List of Decisions of the Joint Committees
Under the FTAs on Origin Matters

Subject	Decision No.	Official Journal of the EC No.
Administrative co-operation	3/73	L 347/73
Postal consignments EUR.2	4/73	L 347/73
Quotation A.W. 1	5/73	L 347/73
Article 25, second rev.	6/73	L 347/73
Introduction EUR.1	7/73	L 365/73
Durum wheat (list A)	8/73	L 365/73
Spare parts	1/74	L 224/74
Approved exporter	2/74	L 224/74
Amendments lists A and B	3/74	L 352/74
Suspension of the application of Article 23(1) of Protocol No. 3	4/74	L 355/74