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Communication from Austria
on behalf of the EFTA States and Hungary

Revision

The following communication, dated 7 December 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria on behalf of the EFTA States and Hungary.

On behalf of the Governments of the EFTA States (Austria, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland), and of Hungary, and with reference to Article XXIV:7(a) of the General Agreement, I enclose the text of the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Hungary with its Annexes, Lists and Protocols which form an integral part thereof. The bilateral arrangements on trade in agricultural products between each EFTA State and Hungary, which have been concluded within the framework of the Free Trade Agreement, are also transmitted.

The Agreement was signed on 29 March 1993. It entered into force, together with the above mentioned bilateral arrangements, between Hungary, Austria, Norway and Sweden on 1 October 1993. The Agreement and the arrangement are also applied since the same date by Liechtenstein and Switzerland, pending their ratification. The entry into force of the Agreement and the arrangements between Hungary, Finland and Iceland will take place when the ratification process is concluded in Finland and Iceland.

The objective of the Agreement, in accordance with Article XXIV, is to abolish tariffs and other restrictions for industrial products, fish and other marine products and processed agricultural products between the EFTA States and Hungary. Within the framework of this Agreement, the above mentioned bilateral arrangements provide for measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products.

¹The text of the Agreement is being circulated as L/7360/Add.1. The Annexes, Lists and Protocols thereto, as well as the bilateral arrangements, have been submitted to the Secretariat for consultation by interested contracting parties (Office 3006).