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MEETING FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PARTIAL EXCEPTIONS LISTS

This document sets out the Basic Materials List annexed to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association and the provisions of Article 4 of the Convention relating to this list. This information is circulated by the secretariat in response to a request by the delegation of India in connexion with the discussion of Brussels Nomenclature item ex 57.07, coir yarn, during the examination of the partial exceptions list of Finland.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 4 of the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Area, referring to Area Tariff Treatment, state:

"1. For the purposes of Articles 3 to 7, goods shall, subject to Annex B, be accepted as eligible for Area tariff treatment if they have been consigned to the territory of the importing Member State from the territory of another Member State and if they are of Area origin under any one of the following conditions:

(a) that they have been wholly produced within the Area of the Association;

(b) that they fall within a description of goods listed in the Process Lists which form Schedules I and II to Annex B and have been produced within the Area of the Association by the appropriate qualifying process described in those Lists;

(c) that, in the case of goods other than those listed in Schedule II to Annex B, they have been produced within the Area of the Association, and that the value of any materials imported from outside the Area or of undetermined origin which have been used at any stage of the production of the goods does not exceed 50 per cent. of the export price of the goods.

"2. For the purpose of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article, materials listed in the Basic Materials List which forms Schedule III to Annex B which have been used in the state described in that List in a process of production within the Area of the Association shall be deemed to contain no element imported from outside the Area."

The Basic Materials List is reproduced below. The materials in this list are described by reference to their classification in the Brussels Nomenclature.

- 05.01 Human hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair.
- 05.02 Pigs', hogs' and boars' bristles or hair; badger hair and other brush making hair; waste of such bristles and hair
- ex 05.03 Horsehair, not curled, and horsehair waste, whether or not put up on a layer or between two layers of other material
- 05.04 Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof
- 05.05 Fish waste
- 05.06 Sinews and tendons; parings and similar waste, of raw hides or skins
- 05.08 Bones and horn-cores, unworked, defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinized; powder and waste of these products
- 05.09 Horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks of animals, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, and waste and powder of these products; whale-bone and the like, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, and hair and waste of these products
- 05.10 Ivory, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste of ivory
- 05.11 Tortoise-shell (shells and scales), unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; claws and waste of tortoise-shell
- 05.12 Coral and similar substances, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked; shells, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste of shells
- 05.13 Natural sponges

- 05.14 Ambergris, castoreum, civet and musk; cantharides; bile, whether or not dried; animal products, fresh, chilled or frozen, or otherwise provisionally preserved, of a kind used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products
- 05.15 Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or Chapter 3, unfit for human consumption
- ex 08.01 Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, shelled or not
- 08.05 Nuts other than those falling within heading No. 08.01, fresh or dried, shelled or not
- 08.13 Peel of melons and citrus fruit, fresh, frozen, dried, or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions
- 09.01 Coffee, whether or not roasted or freed of caffeine; coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion
- 09.02 Tea
- 09.03 Maté.
- 09.04 Pepper of the genus Piper; pimento of the genus Capsicum or the genus Pimenta
- 09.05 Vanilla.
- 09.06 Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers
- 09.07 Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems).
- 09.08 Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms.
- 09.09 Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin, caraway, and juniper
- 09.10 Thyme, saffron and bay leaves; other spices
- 12.01 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit, whole or broken
- ex 12.02 Groundnut meal, non-defatted
- 12.07 Plants and parts (including seeds and fruit) of trees, bushes, shrubs or other plants, being goods of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy, or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whole, cut, crushed, ground or powdered

- ex 12.08 Fruit kernels and other vegetable products of a kind used primarily for human food, not falling within any other heading
- 12.09 Cereal straw and husks, unprepared, or chopped but not otherwise prepared
- 13.01 Raw vegetable materials of a kind used primarily in dyeing or in tanning
- 13.02 Shellac, seed lac, stick lac and other lacs; natural gums, resins, gum-resins and balsams
- ex 13.03 Vegetable saps and extracts; mucilages and thickeners, derived from vegetable products, other than agar-agar
- 14.01 Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example, cereal straw, cleaned, bleached or dyed, osier, reeds, rushes, rattans, bamboos, raffia and lime bark)
- ex 14.02 Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily as stuffing or as padding, not put up on a layer or between two layers of other material
- ex 14.03 Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily in brushes or in brooms, whether or not in bundles or hanks, other than istle put up on a layer or between two layers of other material
- 14.04 Hard seeds, pips, hulls and nuts, of a kind used for carving (for example, corozo and dom)
- ex 14.05 Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included, not put up on a layer or between two layers of other material
- 15.05 Wool grease and fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin)
- ex 15.11 Glycerol, crude, and glycerol lycs
- 15.14 Spermaceti, crude, pressed or refined, whether or not coloured
- 15.15 Beeswax and other insect waxes, whether or not coloured
- 15.16 Vegetable waxes, whether or not coloured.
- 15.17 Residues resulting from the treatment of fatty substances or animal or vegetable waxes.
- 18.01 Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted
- 18.02 Cocoa shells, husks, skins and waste
- 18.03 Cocoa paste (in bulk or in block), whether or not defatted

- 18.04 Cocoa butter (fat or oil)
- ex 23.03 Bagasse; corn steep water
- 24.01 Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse
- 25.01 Common salt (including rock salt, sea salt and table salt); pure sodium chloride; salt liquors; sea water
- 25.02 Unroasted iron pyrites
- 25.03 Sulphur of all kinds, other than sublimed sulphur; precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur
- 25.04 Natural graphite.
- 25.05 Natural sands of all kinds, whether or not coloured, other than metal-bearing sands falling within heading No. 26.01
- 25.06 Quartz (other than natural sands); quartzite, including quartzite not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing
- 25.07 Clay (for example, kaolin and bentonite), andalusite, kyanite and sillimanite, whether or not calcined, but not including expanded clays falling within heading No. 68.07; Mullite; chamotte and dinas earths
- 25.08 Chalk
- 25.09 Earth colours, whether or not calcined or mixed together; natural micaceous iron oxides
- 25.10 Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminium calcium phosphates, apatite and phosphatic chalk
- 25.11 Natural barium sulphate (barytes); natural barium carbonate (witherite), whether or not calcined, other than barium oxide
- 25.12 Infusorial earths, siliceous fossil meals and similar siliceous earths (for example, kieselguhr, tripolite or diatomite) whether or not calcined, of an apparent specific gravity of 1 or less
- 25.13 Pumice stone; emery; natural corundum, natural garnet and other natural abrasives, whether or not heat-treated
- 25.14 Slate, including slate not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing

- 25.15 Marble, travertine, ecaussine and other calcareous monumental and building stone of an apparent specific gravity of 2.5 or more and alabaster, including such stone not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing
- 25.16 Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone and other monumental and building stone, including such stone not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing
- 25.17 Pebbles and crushed or broken stone (whether or not heat-treated), gravel, macadam and tarred macadam, of a kind commonly used for concrete aggregates, for road metalling or for railway or other ballast; flint and shingle, whether or not heat-treated; granules and chippings (whether or not heat-treated) and powder of stones falling within heading No. 25.15 or 25.16
- 25.18 Dolomite, whether or not calcined, including dolomite not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing; agglomerated dolomite (including tarred dolomite)
- 25.19 Natural magnesium carbonate (magnesite), whether or not calcined, other than magnesium oxide
- 25.20 Gypsum; anhydrite; calcined gypsum, and plasters with a basis of calcium sulphate, whether or not coloured, but not including plasters specially prepared for use in dentistry
- 25.21 Limestone flux and calcareous stone, commonly used for the manufacture of lime or cement
- 25.22 Quicklime, slaked lime and hydraulic lime, other than calcium oxide and hydroxide
- ex 25.23 Portland cement, ciment fondu, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured, but not in the form of clinker
- 25.24 Asbestos
- 25.25 Meerschaum (whether or not in polished pieces) and amber; agglomerated meerschaum and agglomerated amber, in plates, rods, sticks or similar forms, not worked after moulding; jet
- 25.26 Mica, including splittings; mica waste
- 25.27 Natural steatite, including natural steatite not further worked than roughly split, roughly squared or squared by sawing; talc
- 25.28 Natural cryolite and natural chiolite
- 25.29 Natural arsenic sulphides

- 25.30 Crude natural borates and concentrates thereof (calcined or not), but not including borates separated from natural brine; crude natural boric acid containing not more than 85 per cent of H_2BO_3 calculated on the dry weight
- 25.31 Felspar, leucite, nepheline and nepheline syenite; fluorspar
- 25.32 Strontianite (whether or not calcined), other than strontium oxide; mineral substances not elsewhere specified or included; broken pottery
- 26.01 Metallic ores and concentrates and roasted iron pyrites
- 26.02 Slag, dross, scalings and similar waste from the manufacture of iron or steel
- 26.03 Ash and residues (other than from the manufacture of iron or steel), containing metals or metallic compounds
- 26.04 Other slag and ash, including kelp
- ex 27.01 Coal (except when, after processing in the Area, it remains coal (ex 27.01))
- ex 27.01 Briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal
- 27.02 Lignite, whether or not agglomerated
- 27.03 Peat (including peat litter), whether or not agglomerated
- 27.04 Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat
- 27.05 Retort carbon
- 27.05 (bis) Coal gas, water gas, producer gas and similar gases
- 27.06 Tar distilled from coal, from lignite or from peat, and other mineral tars, including partially distilled tars and blends of pitch with creosote oils or with other coal tar distillation products
- 27.07 Oils and other products of the distillation of high temperature coal-tar; other oils and products as defined in Note 2 to this Chapter
- 27.08 Pitch and pitch coke, obtained from coal-tar or from other mineral tars
- 27.09 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude

- 27.10 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing not less than 70 per cent by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations
- 27.11 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons
- 27.12 Petroleum jelly
- 27.13 Paraffin wax, micro-crystalline wax, slack wax, ozokerite, lignite wax, peat wax and other mineral waxes, whether or not coloured
- 27.14 Petroleum bitumen, petroleum coke and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals
- 27.15 Bitumen and asphalt, natural; bituminous shale, asphaltic rock and tar sands
- 27.17 Electric current
- ex 28.01 Iodine.
- 28.02 Sulphur, sublimed or precipitated; colloidal sulphur.
- 28.03 Carbon, including carbon black, anthracene black, acetylene black and lamp black.
- ex 28.04 Tellurium
- ex 28.05 Lithium; mercury
- ex 28.20 Aluminium oxide
- ex 28.42 Neutral potassium carbonate, anhydrous.
- ex 28.50 Waste and scrap of uranium
- 31.01 Guano and other natural animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together, but not chemically treated
- ex 31.02 Sodium nitrate, natural
- ex 31.04 Crude natural potassium salts (carnallite, kainite, sylvinite, etc.); potassium chloride

- 32.04 Colouring matter of vegetable origin (including dyewood extract and other vegetable dyeing extracts, but excluding indigo) or of animal origin
- ex 33.01 Essential oils, other than eucalyptus oil; concretes and absolutes; resinoids
- ex 34.04 Chemically modified lignite waxes and mixtures of such waxes
- 38.06 Concentrated sulphite lye
- 38.07 Spirits of turpentine (gum, wood and sulphate) and other terpenic solvents produced by the distillation or other treatment of coniferous woods; crude dipentene; sulphite turpentine; pine oil (excluding "pine oils" not rich in terpineol)
- 38.08 Rosin and resin acids, and derivatives thereof other than ester gums included in heading No. 39.05; rosin spirit and rosin oils
- 38.09 Wood tar; wood tar oils (other than the composite solvents and thinners falling within heading No. 38.18); wood creosote; wood naphtha; acetone oil
- 38.10 Vegetable pitch of all kinds; brewers' pitch and similar compounds based on rosin or on vegetable pitch; foundry core binders based on natural resinous products
- ex 38.19 Mixed alkylenes with a very low degree of polymerization
- 40.01 Natural rubber latex, whether or not with added synthetic rubber latex; prevulcanized natural rubber latex; natural rubber, balata, gutta-percha and similar natural gums
- 40.02 Synthetic rubber latex; prevulcanized synthetic rubber latex; synthetic rubber, factice derived from oils
- 40.03 Reclaimed rubber
- 40.04 Waste and parings of unhardened rubber; scrap of unhardened rubber, fit only for the recovery of rubber; powder obtained from waste or scrap of unhardened rubber
- ex 40.05 Unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber, compounded before or after coagulation either with carbon black (with or without the addition of mineral oil) or with silica (with or without the addition of mineral oil), in any form, of a kind known as masterbatch

- ex 40.15 Scrap, waste and powder, of hardened rubber
 - 41.01 Raw hides and skins (fresh, salted, dried, pickled or limed), whether or not split, including sheepskins in the wool
 - 43.01 Raw furskins
 - 44.01 Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs or in faggots; wood waste including sawdust
 - 44.02 Wood charcoal (including shell and nut charcoal), agglomerated or not
 - 44.03 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of its bark or merely roughed down
 - 44.04 Wood, roughly squared or half-squared, but not further manufactured
 - 44.05 Wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, but not further prepared, of a thickness exceeding 5 mm.
 - 45.01 Natural cork, unworked, crushed, granulated or ground; waste cork.
 - 47.01 Pulp derived by mechanical or chemical means from any fibrous vegetable material
 - 47.02 Waste paper and paperboard; scrap articles of paper or of paperboard, fit only for use in paper-making
 - 50.01 Silkworm cocoons suitable for reeling
 - 50.02 Raw silk (not thrown).
 - 50.03 Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, silk noils and pulled or garnetted rags)
 - 53.01 Sheep's or lambs' wool, not carded or combed
 - 53.02 Other animal hair (fine or coarse), not carded or combed
 - 53.03 Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool or of other animal hair (fine or coarse), not pulled or garnetted
 - 53.04 Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool or of other animal hair (fine or coarse), pulled or garnetted (including pulled or garnetted rags)

- 54.01 Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste (including pulled or garnetted rags)
- 54.02 Ramie, raw or processed but not spun; ramie noils and waste (including pulled or garnetted rags)
- 55.01 Cotton, not carded or combed
- 55.02 Cotton linters
- 55.03 Cotton waste (including pulled or garnetted rags), not carded or combed.
- 56.03 Waste (including yarn waste and pulled or garnetted rags) of man-made fibres (continuous or discontinuous), not carded, combed, or otherwise prepared for spinning
- 57.01 True hemp (*cannabis sativa*), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of true hemp (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes)
- 57.02 Manila hemp (*abaca*) (*musa textilis*), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of manila hemp (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes)
- 57.03 Jute, raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of jute (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes)
- 57.04 Other vegetable textile fibres, raw or processed but not spun; waste of such fibres (including pulled or garnetted rags or ropes).
- ex 57.07 Coconut (coir) yarn
- 63.02 Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn-out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables
- 70.01 Waste glass (cullet); glass in the mass (excluding optical glass)
- 70.02 Glass of the variety known as "enamel" glass, in the mass, rods and tubes
- 71.01 Pearls, unworked or worked, but not mounted, set or strung (except ungraded pearls temporarily strung for convenience of transport)
- ex 71.02 Precious and semi-precious stones, other than diamonds drilled so as to be adapted for use in wire-drawing dies, and other than piezo-electric quartz in the form of plates, bars or rods.

- 71.03 Synthetic or reconstructed precious or semi-precious stones, unworked, cut or otherwise worked, but not mounted, set or strung (except ungraded stones temporarily strung for convenience of transport)
- 71.04 Dust and powder of natural or synthetic precious or semi-precious stones
- ex 71.05 Silver, unwrought, whether or not alloyed
- ex 71.07 Gold, unwrought, whether or not alloyed
- ex 71.09 Platinum and other metals of the platinum group, unwrought, whether or not alloyed.
- ex 71.09 Unalloyed platinum sheet and unalloyed palladium sheet, of a thickness of 6 mm. or more
- 71.11 Goldsmiths', silversmiths' and jewellers' sweepings, residues, lemelts, and other wastes and scrap, of precious metal
- 73.01 Pig-iron, cast-iron and spiegeleisen, in pigs, blocks, lumps and similar forms
- 73.02 Ferro-alloys
- 73.03 Scrap and waste metal of iron or steel
- 73.04 Shot and angular grit, of iron or steel, whether or not graded; wire pellets of iron or steel.
- 73.05 Iron or steel powders; sponge iron or steel
- 73.09 Universal plates of iron or steel (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90)
- 73.10 Bars and rods (including wire rod), of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished) (including precision-made) and hollow-mining drill steel (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90)
- 73.11 Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled, forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished and sheet-piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or made from assembled elements (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90).

- 73.12 Hoop and strip, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled, (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90)
- 73.13 Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90)
- ex 73.15 Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in headings Nos. 73.09 to 73.13 (when used in the production of goods falling in Chapters 84 to 90)
- 74.01 Copper matte; unwrought copper (refined or not); copper waste and scrap
- 74.02 Master alloys
- 75.01 Nickel mattes, nickel speiss and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy; unwrought nickel (excluding electro-plating anodes); nickel waste and scrap
- ex 75.02 Wrought bars and rods of nickel-copper alloys containing more than 60 per cent by weight of nickel
- ex 75.03 Nickel powders and flakes
- 75.05 Electro-plating anodes, of nickel, wrought or unwrought, including those produced by electrolysis.
- 76.01 Unwrought aluminium and aluminium waste and scrap (when used in the production of goods not falling in 76.01)
- 77.01 Unwrought magnesium; magnesium waste (excluding shavings of uniform size) and scrap
- ex 77.04 Beryllium waste and scrap
- 78.01 Unwrought lead (including argentiferous lead); lead waste and scrap
- 79.01 Unwrought zinc; zinc waste and scrap
- 80.01 Unwrought tin; tin waste and scrap
- ex 81.01 Tungsten waste and scrap
- ex 81.02 Molybdenum, unwrought, and waste and scrap.
- ex 81.03 Tantalum waste and scrap

ex 81.04 Unalloyed, unwrought bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, gallium, indium, thallium; waste and scrap of antimony, bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, chromium, gallium, germanium, hafnium, indium, manganese, niobium (colombium), rhenium, thallium, thorium, titanium, uranium depleted in U235, vanadium, zirconium.

Note: Products in Chapter 28 may be added to this List upon request by a Member State provided that the product is not produced and exported in significant quantities by Area countries and that the inclusion of the product in the List is necessary to allow manufactured products to qualify for Area treatment.