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Information relating to the Accession of Finland

The following letter, dated 29 January 1986, has been received from the Secretary-General of EFTA.

On behalf of the member States of EFTA I have the honour to inform you that the Agreement creating an association between the member States and the Republic of Finland notified to GATT on 20 April 1961 (L/1451) has expired. The Republic of Finland, pursuant to EFTA Council Decision No. 7 of 1985, which is enclosed, acceded to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association on 1 January 1986.

The accession does not entail any change in the trade régimes.

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL No. 7 OF 1985

(Adopted on 4 November 1985)

RELATING TO THE ACCESSION OF FINLAND

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the application for accession to the Convention made by Finland on 30 September 1985,

Having regard to the Agreement of 27 March 1961 creating an Association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland and the ensuing participation by Finland in the activities of the European Free Trade Association,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article 41 of the Convention,

Having regard to existing international agreements to which any of the EFTA countries is a party,

DECIDES:

I. ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION

The accession of Finland to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) is approved on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. In the case of Finland Article 10 of the Convention shall not apply to the products at present enumerated in Annex II to the Agreement creating an Association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement) and specified at Annex to this Decision when imported into Finland.**

2. The quantitative restrictions which Finland may maintain in accordance with paragraph 1 above shall be applied in such a way as to give suppliers in Member States the opportunity to compete with other suppliers on fair and equal terms for a reasonable share of the Finnish market for the products specified at Annex, having regard to normal development of trade.

3. In relation to the products specified at Annex when imported into Finland, Articles 13 to 16 of the Convention shall apply as if, for the references to the removal or absences of quantitative restrictions, there were substituted references to paragraph 2 above.

4. The Council shall review, at the request of any of the Member States, the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 3.

II. INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

5. The instrument of accession to be deposited by Finland with the Government of Sweden shall express its accession to

the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association and the Liechtenstein Protocol.

III. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION

6. The Convention shall enter into force in relation to Finland

on 1 January 1986, or
upon the entry into force of this Decision, or
when Finland has deposited its instrument of
accession,

whichever date is the latest.

IV. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

7. The Agreement creating an Association between the Member States of the European Free Trade Association and the Republic of Finland shall expire upon the accession of Finland to the Convention.

V. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS DECISION

8. This Decision shall enter into force when all Member States have either accepted it without reservation or have notified the Secretary-General that their affirmative vote has been approved in conformity with their constitutional requirements.

VI. NOTIFICATION AND DEPOSIT OF THIS DECISION

9. The Secretary-General shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Government of Sweden and notify this Decision to the Government of Finland.

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<u>CCC Nomenclature Number</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>
25.10	Natural calcium phosphates, natural aluminium calcium phosphates, apatite and phosphatic chalk
27.01	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal
ex 27.04	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated
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 Chapter 27 of the CCC Nomenclature
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 seventy per cent by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations
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
27.16	Bituminous mixtures based on natural asphalt, on natural bitumen, on petroleum bitumen, on mineral tar or on mineral tar pitch (for example, bituminous mastics, cut-backs)
ex 31.03	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic, with the exception of basic slag
31.04	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic

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