

## **PROTOCOL A**

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#### Article 1

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the products listed in Table I.

#### Article 2

1. In order to take account of differences in the cost of the agricultural raw materials incorporated into the products referred to in Articles 3 and 4 of this Protocol, this Agreement does not preclude:

- (a) the levying, upon import, of a fixed duty;
- (b) the application of measures adopted upon export.

2. The fixed duties, levied upon import, shall be based on, but not exceed, the differences between the domestic price and the world market price of the agricultural raw materials incorporated into the products concerned.

#### Article 3

For products listed in Tables II, III and IV, originating in Lebanon, Iceland, Liechtenstein/Switzerland and Norway respectively shall accord the concessions listed in those Tables.

#### Article 4

For products listed in Table V, originating in an EFTA State, Lebanon shall accord the concessions listed therein.

#### Article 5

Taking into account the provisions laid down in Article 2 of this Protocol, the Parties shall grant each other treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the

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<sup>1</sup> As amended by Decision No. 3 of 2009 (8 October 2009); this decision will enter into force when the instruments of acceptance have been deposited by all Parties with the Depositary. The Annex and the tables will then be replaced.

European Community for the products listed in Tables II to V, except for products of HS headings 0403.10, 0710.40, 2004.10, 2004.90, 2005.20, 2005.80, 2008.91, 2008.99, 2103.20, 2105.00, 2201.10 and 2203.

#### Article 6

No later than five years after the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall carry out a review of the exceptions provided for in Article 5 with a view to eliminating such exceptions.

#### Article 7

1. The EFTA States shall notify Lebanon and Lebanon shall notify the EFTA States at an early stage, at least before the entering into force, of all measures applied under Article 2 of this Protocol.
2. Lebanon and the EFTA States shall inform each other of all changes in the treatment accorded to the European Community.

#### Article 8

The EFTA States and Lebanon shall review periodically the development of their trade in products covered by this Protocol. In the light of these reviews and taking into account the arrangements between the Parties and the European Community or in WTO, the EFTA States and Lebanon shall decide on possible changes to the product coverage of this Protocol, as well as on a possible development of the measures applied under Article 2 of this Protocol.

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