



EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

Ref. 24024

20 May 2010

1 Annex

DECISION OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1 OF 2010

(Adopted at the 4th meeting on 17 May 2010)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON TRADE FACILITATION

THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to Article 43(3) of the Convention,

DECIDES:

1. A Committee on Trade Facilitation is hereby established, replacing the existing Group of Experts on Trade Facilitation which is hereby abolished.
 2. The Committee on Trade Facilitation is added to Annex S of the EFTA Convention.
 3. The functions and mandate of the Committee shall be identical to the functions and mandate of the Group of Experts on Trade Facilitation as provided for in the Council Decision No. 3 of 2009, ref. 23624.
 4. Each Member State shall be represented in the Committee.
 5. The Secretariat shall in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee draw up an agenda for the meetings of the Committee.
 6. The rules of procedure of the Committee are set out at annex to this decision.
 7. The Committee shall report to the Council and may submit recommendations for decisions.
 8. This Decision shall enter into force on 1 June 2010.
 9. The Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Depositary.
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ANNEX TO DECISION OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1 OF 2010

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 1

The election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall take place at the first meeting of the Committee. The term of office shall be one year, and the positions are normally subject to rotation among the members of the Committee.

Rule 2

The Chairperson shall, in consultation with the members of the Committee, decide on the time and place of meetings of the committee. The Secretariat shall circulate a provisional agenda for the meeting not less than two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Rule 3

The Member States shall designate their members of the Committee and notify the Secretariat thereof. Any changes of the members or alternate members designated to the Committee shall be notified to the Secretariat.

Rule 4

The Chairperson shall conduct the deliberations of the Committee.

Rule 5

The Committee may adopt and approve reports, recommendations and other documents by written procedure.

Rule 6

The Committee may set up working groups, as required and have recourse to outside consultants and experts, subject to prior approval by the Council.
