

DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-EGYPT COMMITTEE

No. 1 of 2012

(Adopted on 3 May 2012)

AMENDMENTS TO PROTOCOL A
CONCERNING PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to Article 4 of Protocol A to the Free Trade Agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the EFTA States (hereinafter referred as the “Agreement”) whereas that Protocol shall remain in force for a period of five years and the Parties shall meet no later than four years after the entry into force of this Agreement to negotiate commitments on processed agricultural products by all Parties;

Having regard to the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 August 2007 and the fact that the deadline referred to above elapses on 1 August 2012;

Considering the fact that no negotiations on commitments on processed agricultural products have taken place between the Parties to the Agreement since the Agreement has entered into force;

Aiming to maintain the level of commitments reflected in Protocol A beyond that deadline to allow for negotiations pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol A;

Having regard to Article 43 of the Agreement, empowering the Joint Committee to amend the Annexes and Protocols to the Agreement,

DECIDES:

1. The text of Article 4 of Protocol A shall be replaced by the following text:

“This Protocol shall remain in force until 1 August 2014. The Parties shall meet to negotiate commitments on processed agricultural products by all Parties before that date.”

2. This Decision shall enter into force in relation to Egypt and an EFTA State on the date the respective EFTA State has notified the Depositary that its internal requirements have been fulfilled.

3. The Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Depositary.

Done, at Cairo, on the 3rd day of May 2012, and in two originals in the English language.

For Iceland

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For the Arab Republic of Egypt

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For the Principality of Liechtenstein

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For the Kingdom of Norway

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For the Swiss Confederation

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