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DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-MOROCCO COMMITTEE No. 3 of 2000

(Adopted at the first meeting on 24 October 2000)

AMENDMENT TO ANNEX II CONCERNING FISH AND OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Noting that Switzerland, including the territory of Liechtenstein, will eliminate its customs duties on freshwater fish originating in Morocco,

Noting that Morocco will establish a dismantling table for customs duties on trout originating in an EFTA State,

Noting that tables 2 to 4 will be amended for simplification purposes,

Having regard to Article 34 of the Agreement,

DECIDES:

1. Article 4 in Annex II shall be amended to read:

“Switzerland, including the territory of the Principality of Liechtenstein, may maintain customs duties on imports or charges having equivalent effect on the products originating in Morocco and listed in Table 8 below.

Table 8

HS heading No.	Description of products
ex 15.04 and 15.16.10	Fats and oils for human consumption
ex 23.01.10 and 23.01.20	Feedingstuffs for production animals
ex 23.09.90	Feedingstuffs for production animals”

2. Paragraph 7 of Article 3 shall be amended to read :

“Morocco shall progressively abolish customs duties and charges having equivalent effect for products originating in an EFTA State and listed in Table 7 below in accordance with the following timetable:

Until 31 Decembre 2002:	40 per cent ad valorem
On 1 January 2003:	to 30 per cent ad valorem
On 1 January 2004:	to 20 per cent ad valorem
On 1 January 2005:	to 10 per cent ad valorem
On 1 January 2006:	to 2.5 per cent ad valorem”

3. Paragraph 8 of Article 3 shall be amended to read :

“The States Parties declare their readiness to foster, on a reciprocal basis, the harmonized development of trade in fish and other marine products. The arrangements in this Article shall be reviewed periodically ”.

4. The following species shall be deleted from Table 2 to Annex II:

Albacore or longfinned tunas (*Thunnus alalunga*), yellowfin tunas (*Thunnus albacares*), skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito (*Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis*), African cuttlefish, common cuttlefish, pink cuttlefish (*Sepia officinalis*, *Rossia macrocosma*, *Seppiola* spp), squid (*Ommasrephes* spp., *Loligo* spp, *Nototodarus* spp., *Sepioteuthis* spp.), octopus (*Octopus* spp), and snails, other than sea snails.

5. The following species shall be deleted from Table 3 to Annex II:

Sea bream, blue fish, axillary bream, red pandora, blackspot sea bream, common pandora, canary drum, shidrums, fusca drum, gilthead sea bream, redbanded sea bream, blue spotted sea bream and common sea bream.

6. The following species shall be deleted from Table 4 to Annex II:

Sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*, *Dicentrarchus punctatus*), and tunas, skipjack and bonito.
 7. The above amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2001.
 8. The Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Depositary.
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