

DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-SINGAPORE COMMITTEE

No. 4 of 2007

(Adopted on 14 March 2007)

AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX I TO THE AGREEMENT

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Noting that the competent authority in Singapore for customs and origin matters under the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Singapore has changed and that Singapore has requested this change to be reflected in Annex I to the Agreement,

Furthermore, noting that the trade patterns have changed since the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement, and recognizing that this development should be reflected in the Agreement in order to facilitate and enhance trade between the EFTA States and Singapore,

Having regard to Article 55 of the Agreement, empowering the Joint Committee to amend the Annexes to the Agreement,

DECIDES:

1. Article 1(c) of Annex I shall be replaced with the following wording:  
  
“*“competent authority of Singapore” means Singapore customs;”*
2. Article 14 of Annex I shall be replaced with the following wording:

“Article 14

**Direct transport**

1. The preferential treatment provided for under this Agreement applies only to products, satisfying the requirements of this Annex, which are transported directly between an EFTA State and Singapore. However, products may be transported through territories of non-parties, provided that they do not undergo operations other than unloading, reloading, splitting-up of consignments or any operation designed to preserve them in good

condition. During this period the products shall remain under customs control in the country of transit.

2. The importer shall upon request supply proofs such as transport documents covering the passage from the exporting Party through the country of transit or other substantiating documents to the customs authorities of the importing Party that the conditions set out in paragraph 1 have been fulfilled.

3. For the purpose of application of paragraph 1, originating products may be transported by pipeline across territories other than that of an EFTA State or Singapore.”

3. Article 15 of Annex I shall be deleted.

4. The above amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after Norway has deposited its instruments of acceptance with the Depositary, which shall notify all the other States Parties.

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

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