

## **Agricultural Protocol between the Republic of Iceland and the Republic of Tunisia**

The Government of the Republic of Iceland (hereinafter referred to as Iceland) and the Government of the Republic of Tunisia (hereinafter referred to as Tunisia) have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1**

Iceland shall grant for products, originating in Tunisia, the tariff reductions specified in Annex I to this Protocol.

### **Article 2**

The tariff reductions granted by Iceland shall not preclude the levying upon import of fixed duties in order to take account of differences in the cost of the agricultural raw materials\* . These fixed duties shall not exceed the difference between the domestic price and the world market price of the agricultural raw material incorporated into the goods concerned.

### **Article 3**

The rules of origin for the purpose of implementing the tariff reductions specified in Annex I to this Protocol are set out in Annex II to this Protocol.

### **Article 4**

Iceland and Tunisia are ready to promote scientific and technical cooperation in agriculture and related fields on the basis of mutual interests. This cooperation may consist of joint ventures, the exchange of information and documentation, the exchange of experts as well as joint organization of seminars and agricultural workshops.

### **Article 5**

Annexes I and II to this Protocol shall constitute an integral part of this Protocol.

### **Article 6**

The Parties to this Protocol declare their readiness to foster, on a reciprocal basis, the harmonious development of trade in agricultural products within the framework of their respective agricultural policies and international obligations. The Parties will periodically review the development of their trade in agricultural products. Furthermore, should any difficulty emerge concerning their trade in agricultural products, the Parties shall hold consultations without delay and endeavour to find an appropriate solution.

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\* According to Protocol A in the Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia.

**Article 7**

1. The implementation of the Protocol shall be supervised and administered by a Joint Committee.
2. The Joint Committee shall consist of representatives of Iceland on the one hand and of representatives of Tunisia on the other. It shall meet whenever necessary and each Party may request that a meeting be held.
3. Only the Joint Committee may decide to amend the Annexes to this Protocol.

**Article 8**

The Protocol shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia or be applied provisionally from the same date as the Agreement.

**Article 9**

The Protocol shall remain in force until the expiration of the Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE at Geneva on 17 December 2004 in two original copies, each in the English and the French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the Republic of Iceland

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For the Republic of Tunisia

## Annex I

### Agricultural products exempted from custom duties

0409	Natural Honey
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0703	Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled:
0703 1000	-Onions and shallots
0703 2000	-Garlic
0708	Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled:
0708 1000	-Peas ( <i>Pisum sativum</i> )
0708 2000	-Beans ( <i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)
0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled:
0709 2000	Asparagus
0710	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen:
0710 2100	-Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled: --Peas ( <i>Pisum sativum</i> )
0710 2200	--Beans ( <i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)
0710 4000	--Sweet Corn
0711	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption:
0711 2000	-Olives
0711 2000	-Capers
0711 9003	--Onions

0712	-Dried vegetables, whole cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared:
0712 2000	-Onions
0712 9001	--Sweet Corn
0713	Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split:
0713 1000	-Peas ( <i>Pisum sativum</i> )
0713 2000	-Chickpeas ( <i>garbanzos</i> ) -Beans ( <i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)
0713 3100	--Beans of the species <i>Vigna mungo</i> (L.) Hepper or <i>Vigna radiata</i> (L.)Wilczek
0713 3200	-Small red (Adzuki) beans ( <i>Phaseolus</i> or <i>Vigna angularis</i> )
0713 3300	-Kidney beans, including white pea beans ( <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> )
0713 3900	-Other
0713 4000	-Lentils
0713 5000	-Broad beans ( <i>Vicia faba</i> var. <i>major</i> ) and horse beans ( <i>Vicia faba</i> var. <i>equina</i> , <i>Vicia faba</i> var. <i>minor</i> )
0713 9000	-Other
0802	Other fruit, fresh or dried whether or not shelled or peeled:
	- Almonds:
0802 1100	--In shell
0802 1200	--Shelled
	-Hazelnuts of filberts ( <i>Coylus</i> pp.):
0802 2100	--In shell
0802 2200	--Shelled
	-Walnuts:
0802 3100	--In shell

0802 3200	--Shelled
0804	Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangones and mangosteens, fresh or dried:
0804 1001	-Fresh
0804 1009	-Other
0804 2000	-Figs
0804 4000	-Avocados
0805	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried:
0805 1000	-Oranges
0805 2000	-Mandarins (including tangarines and satsumas); clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids)
0805 4000	- Grapefruit
0805 5001	--Lemons
0805 5009	-- Other
0805 9000	-Other
0806	Grapes, fresh or dried:
0806 1000	-Fresh
	-Dried:
0806 2001	--Raisins
0806 2009	--Other
0807	Melons (inculding watermelons) and papaws, fresh:
0807 1000	-Melons (including watermelons)
0808	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh:
0808 1000	-Apples

0808 2000	-Pears and quinces
0809	Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh:
0809 1000	-Apricots
0809 2000	-Cherries
0809 3000	-Peaches, including nectarines
0809 4000	-Plums and sloes
0810	Other fruit, fresh:
0810 1000	-Strawberries
0810 2000	-Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries and loganberries
0810 3000	-Black, white or red currants and gooseberries
0810 4000	-Cranberries, bilberries and other fruits of the genus Vaccinium
0810 9000	-Other
0811	Fruit and nuts, uncooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:
	-Strawberries
0811 1001	--Containing added sugar or other sweetening matters
0811 1009	--Other
	-Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black, white or red currants and gooseberries:
0811 2001	--Containing added sugar or other sweetening matters
0811 2009	--Other
	-Other
ex 0811 9001	--Containing added sugar or other sweetening matters: (Cherries, plums, apricots, peaches, grapes)

ex 0811 9009	--Other (Cherries, plums, apricots, peaches, grapes)
0812	Fruit and nuts, provisionally preserved (forexample, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption.
0812 1000	- Cherries
0812 9000	-Other
0813	Fruit, dried, other than that of headings Nos. 0801 to 0806, mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter.
0813 1000	-Apricots
0813 2000	-Prunes
0813 3000	-Apples
0813 4000	-Other fruit
0813 5000	-Mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter
0904	Pepper of the genus <i>Piper</i> ; dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus <i>Capsicum</i> or the genus <i>Pimenta</i> :
0904 2001	Sweet peppers
0904 2009	Other
0909	Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway, juniper berries:
0909 2000	-Seeds of coriander
0909 3000	-Seeds of cumin
0909 4000	-Seeds of caraway
0909 5000	-Seeds of fennel; juniper berries
1211	Plants and parts (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered:

1211 1000	-Liquorice roots
1211 2000	-Ginseng roots
1211 9000	-Other
1302	Vegetable saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products
1302 2000	-Pectic substances, pectinates and pectates
1509	Olive oil and its fractions:
1509 1001	For food preparations
1509 1009	Other
1702 10	Lactose and lactose syrup
2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen:
2004 9000	Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables (green beans, beans)
2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen:
2005 3000	-Sauerkraut
2005 4000	-Peas ( <i>Pisum Sativum</i> )
	-Beans ( <i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)
2005 5100	--Beans, shelled
2008	Fruits, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not specified or included:
	-Nuts, ground-nuts and other seeds, whether or not mixed together:
2008 1100	--Ground nuts



2008 1900	--Other
2008 3001	Citrus fruit soups and porridge
2008 3009	Other
2008 5009	Apricot --Other
2008 6009	Cherries --Other
2008 7009	Peaches --Other
2008 8009	Strawberries --Other
2009	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:
2009 1101	-- Orange juice: Unfermented and not containing suger in containers of 50 kilos or more
2009 1109	Other
2009 1901	Unfermented and not containing sugar in containers of 50 kilos or more
2009 1909	Other:
2009 3001	Juices of any other single citrus fruit: Unfermented and not containing sugar, in containers of 50 kilos or more
2009 3009	Other
2009 5009	Tomato juice: --Other
2009 6009	-Grape juice (including grape must) --Other
	-Apple juice

2009 7009	--Other
	-Juice of any other single fruit or vegetable:
2009 8009	--Other
	-Mixtures of juices
2009 9009	--Other
2102	Active yeast

## Annex II

### Rules of origin

1. (1) For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a product shall be considered to be originating in Tunisia if it has been wholly obtained there.
  - (2) The following shall be considered as wholly obtained in Tunisia:
    - a) vegetable products harvested there;
    - b) live animals born and raised there;
    - c) products from live animals raised there;
    - d) goods produced there exclusively from products specified in sub-paragraphs a) to c).
  - (3) Packing materials and packing containers presented with a product therein shall not be included with this product for the purpose of determining whether it has been wholly obtained and it shall not be necessary to establish whether such packing materials or packing containers are originating or not.
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2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the products mentioned in columns 1 and 2 of the list in the Appendix to this Annex, obtained in Tunisia and incorporating materials which have not been wholly obtained there, shall also be considered as originating in Tunisia, provided that the conditions set out in column 3 concerning working or processing carried out on such materials have been fulfilled.
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3. (1) The preferential treatment provided for under this Protocol applies only to products which are transported directly from Tunisia to Iceland without passing through the territory of another country. However, products originating in Tunisia and constituting one single shipment which is not split up may be transported through territory other than that of Tunisia or Iceland with, should the occasion arise, transshipment or temporary warehousing in such territory, provided that the products have remained under the surveillance of the customs authorities in the country of transit or of warehousing, that they have not entered in the commerce of such countries or been delivered for home use there and have not undergone operations other than unloading, reloading or any operation designed to preserve them in good condition.
  - (2) Evidence that the conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) have been fulfilled shall be supplied to the Icelandic customs authorities in accordance with the

relevant provisions of Protocol B to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia.

4. Originating products within the meaning of this Annex, shall on importation into Iceland, benefit from this Protocol upon submission of either a movement certificate EUR.1 or an invoice declaration, issued or made out in accordance with the relevant provisions of Protocol B to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia.
5. The provisions regarding proof of origin and arrangements for administrative cooperation contained in Protocol B to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia shall apply mutatis mutandis.
6. Provisions or agreed declarations contained the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Tunisia regarding prohibition of drawback of, or exemption from, Customs duties, shall apply mutatis mutandis for products covered by this bilateral agricultural Protocol.

## Appendix to Annex II

List of products, referred to in paragraph 2, subject to other conditions than the wholly obtained criterion.

<b>HS heading No.</b>	<b>Description of products</b>	<b>Working or processing carried out on non-originating materials that confers originating status</b>
07.10	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
07.11	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
07.12	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
08.11	Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	Manufacture in which all the fruit and nuts used must be wholly obtained
08.12	Fruit and nuts, provisionally preserved (for example) by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption	Manufacture in which all the fruit and nuts used must be wholly obtained
08.13	Fruit, dried, other than that of headings Nos. 08.01 to 08.06; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter	Manufacture in which all the fruit and nuts used must be wholly obtained
ex 13.02	Vegetable saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products:  - Agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners derived from vegetable products, not modified	Manufacture in which the value of all the materials used does not exceed 50% of the ex-works price of the product
ex 15.09	Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, except for feed purposes:  - Solid fractions	Manufacture from other materials of heading

		Nos. 15.07 to 15.15
	- Other	Manufacture in which all the vegetable materials used must be wholly obtained
20.04	Other vegetables, prepared or preserved other wise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading No. 20.06	Manufacture in which all the vegetables used must be wholly obtained
20.05	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading No. 20.06	Manufacture in which all the vegetables used must be wholly obtained
20.08	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included:	
	- Fruit and nuts cooked otherwise than by steaming or boiling in water, not containing added sugar, frozen	Manufacture in which all the fruit and nuts used must be wholly obtained
	- Nuts, not containing added sugar or spirits	Manufacture in which the value of the originating nuts and oil seeds of heading Nos. 08.01, 08.02 and 12.02 to 12.07 used exceeds 60% of the ex-works price of the product
	- Others	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified in a heading other than that of the product, provided the value of any materials of Chapter 17 used does not exceed 30% of the ex- works price of the product
20.09	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified in a heading other than that of the product, provided the value of any materials of Chapter 17 used does not exceed 30% of the ex- works price of the product

### **Annex III**

#### **Declaration of the Delegation of Iceland**

Presently Iceland practices a system of duty free import of tomatoes from WTO member states between 1 November and 15 March every year. This practice will not be altered with regard to the Republic of Tunisia without prior consultations with a view to secure that the present conditions will be maintained.