

PROTOCOL 40

ON SVALBARD

1. When ratifying the EEA Agreement, the Kingdom of Norway shall have the right to exempt the territory of Svalbard from the application of the Agreement.
2. If the Kingdom of Norway avails itself of this right, existing agreements applicable to Svalbard, i.a. the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association, the Free Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway and the Free Trade Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway of the other part, shall continue to apply to the territory of Svalbard.