

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE  
SWISS CONFEDERATION AND THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

The Swiss Confederation (hereinafter referred to as “Switzerland”) and the Republic of Albania (hereinafter referred to as “Albania”);

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on Agriculture concluded by Switzerland and Albania on 17 December 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”)

NOTING that the Agreement was concluded further to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Albania signed on 17 December 2009, and in particular pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Free Trade Agreement;

NOTING that the Regional Convention on Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin (hereinafter referred to as the “Convention”) aims at replacing the rules of origin currently in force among the Contracting Parties to the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean system;

NOTING that the Convention entered into force for Liechtenstein and Switzerland on 1 January 2012 and for Albania on 1 May 2012;

AIMING to harmonize the rules of origin to the Agreement with those of the Convention;

AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT:

1. The text of Article 3 to the Agreement shall be replaced by the text in the Annex to this Amendment.
2. This Amendment shall enter into force on the same date as the Decision of the Joint EFTA-Albania Committee No. 1 of 2021 adopted on 24 June 2021 enters into force.

Done at Geneva, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, in two originals in English.

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For the Swiss Confederation

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For the Republic of Albania

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## ARTICLE 3

### *Rules of Origin and Administrative Cooperation*

1. The rights and obligations of the Parties in respect of rules of origin and administrative cooperation shall be governed by Protocol B to the Free Trade Agreement.
  2. Any reference to "EFTA States" in Protocol B shall be taken to refer to Switzerland.
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