

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND THE
EFTA STATES

DECISION OF THE EFTA-EGYPT JOINT COMMITTEE

No. 1 of 2014

(Adopted by written procedure, completed on 9 October 2014)

AMENDMENTS TO PROTOCOL A
CONCERNING PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to Article 4 of Protocol A to the Free Trade Agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the EFTA States (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), as revised by Joint Committee Decision No.1 of 2012, whereas that Protocol shall remain in force until 1 August 2014 and the Parties shall meet to negotiate commitments on processed agricultural products by all Parties before that date;

Having regard to the fact that the deadline referred to above elapses on 1 August 2014 without negotiations on commitments on processed agricultural products having taken place between the Parties to the Agreement since its entry into force;

Aiming to maintain the level of commitments reflected in Protocol A beyond that deadline to allow for negotiations pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol A;

Having regard to Article 43 of the Agreement, empowering the Joint Committee to amend the Annexes and Protocols to the Agreement;

DECIDES:

1. The text of Article 4 of Protocol A shall be replaced by the following text:

"This Protocol shall remain in force until 31 July 2016. The Parties shall meet to negotiate commitments on processed agricultural products by all Parties before that date."

2. This Decision shall enter into force, with retroactive effect as of 1 August 2014, in relation to Egypt and an EFTA State on the date the respective EFTA State has notified the Depositary that its internal requirements have been fulfilled.

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