DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-GCC COMMITTEE

No. 2 of 2015

(Adopted on (27 May 2015)

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OF THE GCC COUNTRIES AS PROOF OF ORIGIN UNDER ANNEX IV

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to Article 16 of Annex IV to the Free Trade Agreement between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the EFTA States (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”), which determines that products originating in a Party shall benefit from preferential treatment upon submission of a movement certificate EUR.1;

Reaffirming the objective to introduce an origin declaration system;

Having regard to the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 July 2014 and the fact that the competent authorities of the Member States of the GCC are not issuing EUR.1;

Aiming to maintain the level of commitments of the Agreement and to further strengthen trade relations between the Parties;

DECIDES:

1. Without prejudice to Article 16 of Annex IV to the Agreement, a Preferential Certificate of Origin of the GCC Countries, a specimen of which appears in the Annex to this decision, is considered equivalent to the proof of origin as referred to in Article 16 of Annex IV to the Agreement. Therefore, products originating in the GCC shall, on importation into an EFTA State, benefit from preferential treatment under the Agreement upon submission of the said certificate.

2. Articles 16 to 20 and Article 30 of Annex IV shall apply, mutatis mutandis.

3. The Sub-Committee for Customs and Origin Matters shall review the introduction of “origin declaration” as proof of origin for products originating in Parties applying such a system.

4. Electronic Signature and stamp on proof of origin shall be accepted.

5. This decision shall enter into force on 1 July 2015.
For Iceland

For the Principality of Liechtenstein

For the Kingdom of Norway

For the Swiss Confederation

For the Cooperation Council of the Arab State of the Gulf

His Excellency Dr. Hamad AL-Bazai
APPENDIX 4 TO ANNEX IV

Specimens of Preferential Certificate of Origin of Gulf Cooperation Council Countries and application for the certificate.
# CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

| 1. Producer (Name & Full Address.) | 2. No:  
|  | Date:  
|  | **PREFERENTIAL CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN OF**  
|  | **Gulf Cooperation Council Countries**  
| 3. Exporter (Name & Full Address) | 4. Consignee (Name, Full Address & Country)  
|  | Vessel's Name/Flight No. (optional)  
| 9. Marks & Numbers of Packages. | 10. HS Code  
|  | 13. weight (gross)  
|  | 14. No. & Date of invoice  
| 15. CERTIFICATION BY THE ISSUING AUTHORITY | 16. DECLARATION BY THE EXPORTER  
| Signature: | Signature:  
| Date: | Date:  
| Stamp: |  |