

## NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT

<b>1. Member(s) notifying:</b> The Arab Republic of Egypt and the EFTA States
<b>2. Date of notification:</b> 17 July 2007
<b>3. Notification pursuant to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Article V:7(a) of GATS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause</b>
<b>4. Parties to the Agreement:</b> The Arab Republic of Egypt and the EFTA States (the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation)
<b>5. Date of signature:</b> 27 January 2007
<b>6. Date(s) of entry into Force:</b> 1 August 2007
<b>7. Brief description of the Agreement:</b>  <p>The Agreement covers trade in industrial products, including fish and other marine products, and processed agricultural products. In addition, individual EFTA States and Egypt concluded bilateral agreements on basic agricultural products, which form part of the instruments creating the free trade area. The main objective of the Agreement is to achieve the liberalisation of trade in goods in conformity with the relevant WTO provisions. By 1 January 2020, customs duties on almost all industrial products will have been eliminated.</p> <p>The Agreement also includes provisions relating to the elimination of other trade barriers as well as trade-related disciplines including rules on competition, state monopolies and subsidies. Moreover, the Agreement contains provisions on the protection of intellectual property, investment, services, current payments and capital movements, government procurement, economic co-operation and institutional and procedural matters. The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee which supervises the application of the Agreement and provides for binding arbitration.</p>
<b>8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>available from the following official Internet link(s): <a href="http://www.efta.int">www.efta.int</a></b>