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Protocol B

Articles 3 and 4 – cumulation of origin

1. The EFTA States and Macedonia agree to search for further improvements of the rules of origin, in particular the inclusion of Macedonia into the European cumulation network, in order to expand and promote production and trade in the European region.

Article 15(6) – drawback

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of Article 15, the EFTA States and Macedonia agree that on the request of a Party to this Agreement, consultations should be held regarding any negative effect resulting from the agreed derogation with the aim of reaching a satisfactory solution. The EFTA States and Macedonia also agree that any review by the Joint Committee shall reflect the practice applied between Macedonia and the European Community.

Article 11

Technical regulations

3. Macedonia shall, until it accedes to the WTO, endeavour to notify draft technical regulations to the EFTA Secretariat in order to gradually comply with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 11 (Technical regulations). Macedonia will designate a public institution with the task of providing such notifications.

Article 16

Protection of intellectual property

4. Under the EEA Agreement the EFTA States shall comply in their legislation with the substantive provisions of the European Patent Convention of 5 October 1973. It is the understanding of Iceland and Norway that the obligations under Article 16 (Protection of intellectual property) do not differ in substance from the obligations under the EEA.

Done at Zurich, this 19th day of June 2000, in a single authentic copy in the English language which shall be deposited with the Government of Norway. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all Signatory States, and States acceding to this Agreement.