

Agricultural Protocol
between the Kingdom of Norway and the PLO for the benefit of the
Palestinian Authority

30 November, 1998

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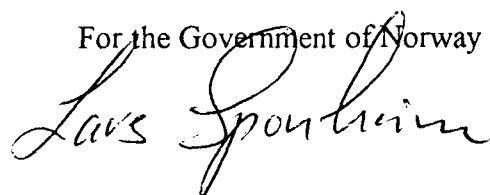
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Annex 1

Tariff item	Description of products	Basic duty NOK/kg or % ad valorem	The West Bank and Gaza Strip NOK/kg or % ad valorem
ex 06.02	Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn.		
.30	- rhododendrons and azaleas, grafted or not:		
	- - indoor azaleas (<i>Azalea Indica</i>)	17 %	16,5 %
	- - other	0,03	Free
.40	- roses, grafted or not	64 %	53,1 %
.90	- other:		
	- - grafting stocks	1 %	Free
	- - other:		
	- - - with balled roots or other culture media:		
	- - - - <i>Araucaria</i> , <i>Aucuba</i> , <i>Buxus</i> , <i>Camellia</i> , <i>Dracaena</i> , witch hazel (<i>Hamamelis</i>), holly (<i>Ilex</i>), <i>Kalmia</i> , <i>Laurus</i> , <i>Magnolia</i> , palm (<i>Palmae</i>), <i>Pieris</i> , <i>Pyracantha</i> and <i>Stranvaesia</i>	1 %	Free
	- - - - threes and bushes other than those mentioned above, and perennial plants	1 %	Free
	- - - - herbaceous plants:		
	- - - - - green pot plants from 15/12 - 30/04	1 %	Free
	- - - - - other	75 %	71,1
	- - - - other	75 %	71,1
	- - - without balled roots or other culture media	1 %	Free
06.03	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared.		
.10	- fresh:		
	- - <i>Anemone</i> , <i>Genista</i> , <i>Mimosa</i> , <i>Orchidaceae</i> , <i>Ranunculus</i> , <i>Syringa</i> , <i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i> (<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i>) 01/11 - 30/04, <i>Dendranthema x grandiflora</i> (<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i>) 15/12 - 15/03, <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> 01/11 - 15/05, <i>Freesia</i> 1/12 - 31/3, <i>Rosa</i> 1/11 - 31/3 and <i>Tulipa</i> 1/5 - 31/5	0,60	Free
	- - other:		
	- - - <i>Alchemilla</i> , <i>Anthurium</i> , <i>Aster</i> , <i>Astilbe</i> , <i>Centaurea</i> , <i>Dianthus barbatus</i> , <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> 16/5 - 30/10, <i>Erigeron</i> , <i>Gerbera</i> , <i>Gladiolus</i> , <i>Lathyrus</i> , <i>Liatris</i> , <i>Physostegia</i> , <i>Protea</i> , <i>Scabiosa</i> , <i>Sedum</i> , <i>Solidago</i> , <i>Solidaster</i> , <i>Strelitzia</i> , <i>Trachelium</i> and <i>Zinnia</i>	0,60	Free
	- - - other:		
	- - - - <i>Tulipa</i> 1/6 - 30/4	249 %	246 %
	- - - - <i>Lilium</i>	249 %	246 %
	- - - - <i>Rosa</i> 1/4 - 31/10	249 %	246 %
	- - - - <i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i> (<i>Chrysanthemum frutescens</i>) 1/5 - 31/10, <i>Dendranthema x grandiflora</i> (<i>Chrysanthemum x morifolium</i>) 16/3 - 14/12	249 %	246 %
	- - - - <i>Gypsophila</i>	249 %	246 %
	- - - - <i>Alstroemeria</i>	249 %	246 %

Tariff item	Description of products	Basic duty NOK/kg or % ad valorem	The West Bank and Gaza Strip NOK/kg or % ad valorem
	--- Freesia 1/4 - 30/11, Iris, Risp (Limonium, Statice), Matthiola, Narcissus	249 %	246 %
	--- other	249 %	246 %
	.90 - other	0,60	Free
ex 07.01	Potatoes, fresh or chilled.		
	.90 - other:		
	-- from 15/5 - 15/7	191 %	187,43 %
	-- from 16/7 - 14/5	100 %	96,43 %
07.02	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled.		
	- from 1/11 - 9/5	Free	Free
	- from 10/5 - 10/7:		
	-- from 10/5 - 31/5	12,21	10,21
	-- from 1/6 - 10/7	12,21	10,21
	- from 11/7 - 14/10	8,86	6,86
	- from 15/10 - 31/10	1,60	Free
ex 07.04	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled.		
	ex .10 - cauliflowers and headed broccoli:		
	-- cauliflowers:		
	--- from 1/12 - 31/5	Free	Free
	ex .90 - other:		
	-- chinese cabbages	0,64	Free
ex 07.05	Lettuce (Lactuca sativa) and chicory (Cichorium spp.), fresh or chilled.		
	- lettuce:		
	ex .11 -- cabbage lettuce (head lettuce):		
	--- crispheaded lettuce (iceberg lettuce):		
	---- from 1/3 - 31/5	16,31	15,99
	---- from 1/6 - 30/11	10,95	10,63
	---- from 1/12 - 28-29/2	Free	Free
	--- other:		
	---- from 1/12 - 28-29/2	Free	Free
ex 07.09	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled.		
	.30 - aubergines	0,24	Free
	.40 - celery other than celeriac:		
	-- from 1/7 - 31/8	5,26	4,94
	-- from 1/9 - 30/6	3,35	3,03
ex 07.10	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen.		
	ex .80 - other vegetables:		
	-- cauliflowers	13,00	12,40

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ex 07.11	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption.		
	.40 - cucumbers and gherkins	12,92	12,72
ex 07.12	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared.		
ex .90	- other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables:		
	-- other:		
	--- tomatoes	0,20	Free
ex 08.02	Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled.		
	- almonds:		
	.11 -- in shell	0,01	Free
	.12 -- shelled	0,01	Free
08.03	Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried.		
	- fresh	Free	Free
	- dried	Free	Free
ex 08.05	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried.		
	.10 - oranges:		
	-- of a kind used in animal feeding	1,74	1,73
	-- other	0,40 pr 100 kg	Free
ex 08.06	Grapes, fresh or dried.		
	.10 - fresh:		
	-- from 1/8 - 28-29/2:		
	--- of a kind used in animal feeding	0,40 pr. 100 kg	Free
	--- other	0,40 pr. 100 kg	Free
	-- from 1/3 - 31/7:		
	--- of a kind used in animal feeding	0,40 pr. 100 kg	Free
	--- other	0,40 pr. 100 kg	Free
ex 08.09	Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh.		
	.10 - apricots:		
	-- from 16/5 - 15/8	0,06	Free
	-- from 16/8 - 15/5	0,24	Free
ex 08.10	Other fruit, fresh.		
	.10 - strawberries:		
	-- from 15/4 - 8/6	0,18	Free
	-- from 9/6 - 31/10:		
	--- from 9/6 - 30/6	7,21	6,61
	--- from 1/7 - 9/9	7,21	4,81
	--- from 10/9 - 31/10	1,92	Free

Tariff item	Description of products	Basic duty NOK/kg or % ad valorem	The West Bank and Gaza Strip NOK/kg or % ad valorem
	-- from 1/11 - 31/3	0,36	Free
	-- from 1/4 - 14/4	0,36	Free
ex 08.12	Fruits and nuts, provisionally preserved (f.ex. by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption.		
ex .90	- other:		
	-- citrus fruit	Free	Free
15.09	Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.		
	.10 - virgin:		
	-- of a kind used in animal feeding	4,88	4,87
	-- other	Free	Free
	- other:		
	-- of a kind used in animal feeding	4,88	4,87
	-- other	Free	Free
ex 20.01	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.		
	.10 - cucumbers and gherkins:		
	-- in airtight containers	12,92	11,52
	-- other	12,92	12,72
ex .90	- other:		
	-- vegetables:		
	--- olives	0,30	Free
20.02	Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid.		
	.10 - tomatoes, whole or in pieces:		
	-- in airtight containers	1,50	0,80
	-- other	2,00	Free
	.90 - other:		
	-- tomato purée, including tomato pulp, the dry tomato content of which is 25% or more by weight, composed entirely of tomatoes and water, whether or not containing salt or other preservatives or seasonings, in airtight containers	0,21	Free
	-- other:		
	--- in airtight containers	0,70	Free
	--- other	2,00	Free
ex 20.05	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading No. 20.06.		
	.90 - other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables:		
	-- capers	0,20	Free
	-- artichokes	0,20	Free
	-- sweet pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i> var. <i>annuum</i>)	0,20	Free
	-- bamboo shoots	0,20	Free

Tariff item	Description of products	Basic duty NOK/kg or % ad valorem	The West Bank and Gaza Strip NOK/kg or % ad valorem
	-- other, including mixtures of vegetables	34,92	34,72
ex 20.09	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.		
	- orange juice:		
.11	-- frozen:		
	--- containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:		
	---- of a density exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³	0,23	Free
	---- other	0,23	Free
	--- other:		
	---- in packages weighing, with contents, 3 kg or more	Free	Free
	---- other:		
	----- concentrated	Free	Free
	----- other:		
	----- of a density exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³	0,08	Free
	----- other	0,08	Free
.19	-- other:		
	--- containing added sugar or other sweetening matter:		
	---- of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³	0,23	Free
	---- other	0,23	Free
	--- other:		
	---- in packages weighing, with contents, 3 kg or more	Free	Free
	---- other:		
	----- of a density not exceeding 1,33 g/cm ³	0,08	Free
	----- other	0,08	Free
.60	- grape juice (including grape must)	0,15	Free

Annex 2

Rules of origin

1.
 - a) For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a product shall be considered to be originating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip if it has been wholly obtained there.
 - b) The following shall be considered as wholly obtained in the West Bank and Gaza Strip:
 - i. vegetable products harvested there;
 - ii. live animals born and raised there;
 - iii. products from live animals raised there;
 - iv. goods produced there exclusively from products specified in subparagraphs i. to iii.
 - c) Packing materials and packing containers presented with a product therein shall not be included with this product for the purpose of determining whether it has been wholly obtained and it shall not be necessary to establish whether such packing materials or packing containers are originating or not.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the products mentioned in columns 1 and 2 of the list in the Appendix to this Annex, obtained in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and incorporating materials which have not been wholly obtained there, shall also be considered as originating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, provided that the conditions set out in column 3 concerning working or processing carried out on such materials have been fulfilled.
3.
 - a) The preferential treatment provided for under this Protocol applies only to products which are transported directly from the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Norway without passing through the territory of another country. However, products originating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and constituting one single shipment which is not split up may be transported through territory other than the West Bank and Gaza Strip or Norway with, should the occasion arise, transshipment or temporary warehousing in such territory, provided that the products have remained under the surveillance of the customs authorities in the country of transit or of warehousing, that they have not entered in the commerce of such countries or been delivered for home use there and have not undergone operations other than unloading, reloading or any operation designed to preserve them in good condition.
 - b) Evidence that the conditions referred to in sub-paragraph a) have been fulfilled shall be supplied to the Norwegian customs authorities in accordance with the relevant provisions of Protocol B to the Interim Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority.
4. Originating products within the meaning of this Annex, shall on importation into Norway, benefit from this Protocol upon submission of either a movement certificate EUR.1 or an invoice declaration, issued or made out in accordance with the relevant provisions of Protocol B to the Interim Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority.

5. The provisions regarding proof of origin and arrangements for administrative cooperation contained in Protocol B to the Interim Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority shall apply mutatis mutandis.
6. Provisions or agreed declarations contained the Interim Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority regarding prohibition of drawback of, or exemption from, Customs duties, shall apply mutatis mutandis for products covered by this bilateral agricultural Protocol.

Appendix to Annex 2

List of products, referred to in paragraph 2, subject to other conditions than the wholly obtained criterion

HS heading No.	Description of products	Working or processing carried out on non-originating materials that confers originating status
06.03	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared.	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 6 used must be wholly obtained
07.10	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
07.11	Vegetables provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
07.12	Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 7 used must be wholly obtained
08.12	Fruits and nuts, provisionally preserved (f.ex. by sulphur dioxide gas in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption	Manufacture in which all the fruit and nuts used must be wholly obtained
15.09	Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	
	- Solid fractions	Manufacture from other materials of heading Nos. 15.07 to 15.15
	- Other	Manufacture in which all the vegetable materials used must be wholly obtained
20.01	Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid	Manufacture in which all the fruit, nuts or vegetable materials used must be wholly obtained

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20.09	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	Manufacture in which all the fruit used must be wholly obtained

Pour copie conforme:
Oslo, le 14 March 2003

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