

DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY COMMITTEE

No. 1 of 2008

(Adopted on 13 March 2008)

AMENDMENT TO PROTOCOL A  
CONCERNING PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Noting that according to paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Protocol A to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority, hereafter referred to as “the Agreement”, the EFTA States shall, based on reviews, accord for products listed in Tables II-IV to the Protocol, originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the European Community,

Noting further that according to Article 6 of Protocol A the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority shall review periodically the development of their trade in products covered by the Protocol,

Taking into account that the EFTA States have revised their agreements with the European Community on processed agricultural products, by expanding the product coverage of these agreements and providing for improved concessions for the products covered,

Having regard to Article 31 of the Agreement, empowering the Joint Committee to amend Protocol A,

DECIDES:

1. Protocol A and Tables I, II (Iceland), III (Liechtenstein, Switzerland), IV (Norway) and V (Palestinian Authority) to the Protocol shall be replaced by the text and the Table set out in the Annex to this Decision.
  2. The above amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Iceland have deposited their instruments of acceptance with the Depositary, which shall notify all the other Parties.
  3. The Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Depositary.
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PROTOCOL A

REFERRED TO IN SUB-PARAGRAPH (b) OF ARTICLE 2

PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Article 1

1. In order to take account of differences in the cost of the agricultural raw materials incorporated in the products referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of this Protocol, this Agreement does not preclude:

- (a) the levying, upon import, of a fixed duty;
- (b) the application of measures adopted upon export.

2. The fixed duties, levied upon import, shall be based on, but not exceed, the differences between the domestic price and the world market price of the agricultural raw materials incorporated into the products concerned.

Article 2

1. For products listed in the Table, originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Iceland, Liechtenstein/Switzerland and Norway respectively shall accord the concessions indicated in the Table.

2. Taking into account the provisions laid down in Article 1 of this Protocol, Iceland, Liechtenstein/Switzerland and Norway shall, based on reviews that can be requested by either side, accord for products listed in the Table, originating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the European Community.

Article 3

For products listed in the Table, originating in an EFTA State, the Palestinian Authority shall not apply fixed duties higher than those applicable at the entry into force of this Agreement. No new fixed duties shall be introduced on imports of these products.

Article 4

1. The EFTA States shall notify the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Authority shall notify the EFTA States at an early stage, at least before the entering into force, of all measures applied under Article 1 of this Protocol.

2. The Palestinian Authority and the EFTA States shall inform each other of all changes in the treatment accorded to the European Community.

#### Article 5

The EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority shall review periodically the development of their trade in products covered by this Protocol. A first review shall take place at the latest after the introduction of any changes in the relations with the European Community. In the light of these reviews and taking into account the arrangements between the Parties and the European Community or in the WTO, the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority shall decide on possible changes to the product coverage of this Protocol, as well as on a possible development of the measures applied under Article 1 of this Protocol.

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TABLE TO PROTOCOL A

HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
<b>04.03</b>	<b>Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa.</b>			
ex 10	- Yogurt:			
	-- Flavoured or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa	*	*	*
ex 90	- Other:			
	-- Flavoured or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa	*	*	*
<b>05.01</b>	<b>Human hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>05.02</b>	<b>Pigs', hogs' or boars' bristles and hair; badger hair and other brush making hair; waste of such bristles or hair.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>05.05</b>	<b>Skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not with trimmed edges) and down, not further worked than cleaned, disinfected or treated for preservation; powder and waste of feathers or parts of feathers.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
<b>05.07</b>	<b>Ivory, tortoise-shell, whalebone and whalebone hair, horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste of these products.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>05.08</b>	<b>Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked; shells of molluscs, crustaceans or echinoderms and cuttle-bone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste thereof.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
<b>05.10</b>	<b>Ambergris, castoreum, civet and musk; cantharides; bile, whether or not dried; glands and other animal products used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products, fresh, chilled, frozen or otherwise provisionally preserved.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>0511</b>	<b>Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption.</b>			
ex 99	-- Other:			
	--- Horsehair and horsehair waste, whether or not put up as a layer with or without supporting material.	FREE	FREE	FREE

HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
	--- Natural sponges of animal origin.	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>07.10</b>	<b>Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen.</b>			
40	- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> var. <i>saccharata</i> )	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
<b>07.11</b>	<b>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.</b>			
ex 90	- Other vegetables; mixtures of vegetables:			
	-- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> var. <i>saccharata</i> )	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
<b>09.01</b>	<b>Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated; coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>09.02</b>	<b>Tea, whether or not flavoured.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>13.02</b>	<b>Vegetable saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates; agar-agar and other mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products.</b>			
	- Vegetable saps and extracts:			
12	-- Of liquorice	FREE	FREE	FREE
13	-- Of hops	FREE	FREE	FREE
ex 19	-- Other:			
	--- Vegetable saps and extracts of pyrethrum or of the roots of plants containing rotenone	FREE	FREE	FREE
	--- Intermixtures of vegetable extracts, for the manufacture of beverages or of food preparations	FREE	FREE	FREE
	--- Other medicinal than intermixtures of vegetable extracts for the manufacture of beverages or of food preparations or of vanilla oleoresin	FREE	FREE	FREE
20	- Pectic substances, pectinates and pectates	FREE	FREE	FREE
	- Mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products:			
31	-- Agar-agar	FREE	FREE	FREE

HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
32	-- Mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from locust beans, locust bean seeds or guar seeds	FREE	FREE	FREE
39	-- Other	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>14.01</b>	<b>Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia, cleaned, bleached or dyed cereal straw, and lime bark).</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>14.04</b>	<b>Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
<b>15.16</b>	<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, partly or wholly hydrogenated, inter-esterified, re-esterified or elaidinised, whether or not refined, but not further prepared.</b>			
ex 20	- Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions:			
	-- Hydrogenated castor oil, so called "opal-wax"	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>15.17</b>	<b>Margarine; edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of this Chapter, other than edible fats or oils or their fractions of heading 15.16.</b>			
ex 10	- Margarine, excluding liquid margarine:			
	-- Containing more than 10 % but not more than 15 % by weight of milk fats	*	*	*
ex 90	- Other:			
	-- Containing more than 10 % but not more than 15 % by weight of milk fats	*	(*)	*
	-- Edible mixtures or preparations of a kind used as mould release preparations	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>15.18</b>	<b>Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, boiled, oxidised, dehydrated, sulphurised, blown, polymerised by heat in vacuum or in inert gas or otherwise chemically modified, excluding those of heading 15.16; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of this Chapter, not elsewhere specified or included.</b>			
ex 00	Linoxyn	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>15.20</b>	<b>Glycerol, crude; glycerol waters and glycerol lyes.</b>	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE

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15.21	<b>Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides), beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti, whether or not refined or coloured.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
15.22	<b>Degras; residues resulting from the treatment of fatty substances or animal or vegetable waxes.</b>	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
17.02	<b>Other sugars, including chemically pure lactose, maltose, glucose and fructose, in solid form; sugar syrups not containing added flavouring or colouring matter; artificial honey, whether or not mixed with natural honey; caramel.</b>			
50	- Chemically pure fructose,	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
ex 90	- Other, including invert sugar and other sugar and sugar syrup blends containing in the dry state 50% by weight of fructose:			
	-- Chemically pure maltose	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
17.04	<b>Sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa.</b>	FREE	*	*
18.03	<b>Cocoa paste, whether or not defatted.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
18.04	<b>Cocoa butter, fat and oil.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
18.05	<b>Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
18.06	<b>Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa.</b>			
10	- Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	FREE	FREE	*
20	- Other preparations in blocks, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form in containers or immediate packings, of a content exceeding 2 kg	(*)	*	*
	- Other, in blocks, slabs or bars:			
31	-- Filled	*	*	*
32	-- Not filled	(*)	*	*
90	- Other	(*)	*	*

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<b>19.01</b>	<b>Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included.</b>			
10	- Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale	FREE	*	*
20	- Mixes and doughs for the preparation of bakers' wares of heading 19.05	(*)	*	*
90	- Other	FREE	(*)	(*)
<b>19.02</b>	<b>Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared.</b>			
	- Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared:			
11	-- Containing eggs	*	*	*
19	-- Other	FREE	*	*
ex 20	- Stuffed pasta, whether or not cooked or otherwise prepared:			
	-- Other than products containing more than 20% by weight of sausage, meat, meat offal or blood, or any combination thereof	(*)	*	*
30	- Other pasta	(*)	*	*
40	- Couscous	(*)	*	*
<b>19.03</b>	<b>Tapioca and substitutes therefore prepared from starch, in the form of flakes, grains, pearls, siftings or in similar forms.</b>	FREE	*	FREE
<b>19.04</b>	<b>Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked, or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included.</b>			
10	- Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products	FREE	FREE	*



HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
20	- Prepared foods obtained from unroasted cereal flakes or from mixtures of unroasted cereal flakes and roasted cereal flakes or swelled cereals	FREE	*	*
30	- Bulgur wheat	(*)	FREE	*
90	- Other	(*)	(*)	*
<b>19.05</b>	<b>Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products.</b>			
10	- Crispbread	FREE	*	*
20	- Gingerbread and the like	*	*	*
	- Sweet biscuits; waffles and wafers:			
31	-- Sweet biscuits	*	*	*
32	-- Waffles and wafers	*	*	*
40	- Rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products	*	*	*
90	- Other	(*)	*	(*) <sup>1)</sup>
<b>20.01</b>	<b>Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.</b>			
ex 90	- Other:			
	-- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i> ); palm hearts; yams, sweet potatoes and similar edible parts of plants containing 5 % or more by weight of starch	FREE	(*)	FREE
<b>20.02</b>	<b>Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid.</b>			
90	- Other	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>20.04</b>	<b>Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading 20.06.</b>			
ex 10	- Potatoes:			
	-- In the form of flour, meal or flakes	FREE	*	*
ex 90	- Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables:			
	-- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i> )	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE

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<b>20.05</b>	<b>Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 20.06.</b>			
ex 20	- <b>Potatoes:</b>			
	-- In the form of flour, meal or flakes	FREE	*	*
80	- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i> )	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
<b>20.06</b>	<b>Vegetables, fruit, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallised).</b>			
ex 00	- Sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i> )	FREE	*	FREE
<b>20.07</b>	<b>Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.</b>			
10	- Homogenised preparations	FREE	*	*
	- Other:			
91	-- Citrus fruit	FREE	FREE	*
99	-- Other	FREE	(*)	*
<b>20.08</b>	<b>Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included.</b>			
	- Nuts, ground-nuts and other seeds, whether or not mixed together:			
ex 11	-- Ground-nuts:			
	--- Peanut butter	FREE	FREE	*
	--- Ground nuts, roasted	FREE	*	FREE
	- Other, including mixtures other than those of subheading 2008.19:			
91	-- Palm hearts	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE
ex 99	-- Other:			
	--- Maize (corn) other than sweet corn ( <i>Zea mays var. saccharata</i> )	FREE	*	FREE

HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
<b>21.01</b>	<b>Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, tea or maté and preparations with a basis of these products or with a basis of coffee, tea or maté; roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof.</b>			
	- Extracts, essences and concentrates, of coffee, and preparations with a basis of these extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of coffee :			
11	-- Extracts, essences and concentrates	FREE	FREE	FREE
12	-- Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of coffee	FREE	FREE	(*)
20	- Extracts, essences and concentrates, of tea or maté, and preparations with a basis of these extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of tea or mate	FREE	FREE	(*)
30	- Roasted chicory and other roasted coffee substitutes, and extracts, essences and concentrates thereof	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>21.02</b>	<b>Yeasts (active or inactive); other single-cell microorganisms, dead (but not including vaccines of heading 30.02); prepared baking powders.</b>			
10	- Active yeasts	FREE	FREE	FREE <sup>2)</sup>
20	- Inactive yeasts; other single-cell micro-organisms, dead	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
30	- Prepared baking powders	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>21.03</b>	<b>Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard.</b>			
10	- Soya sauce	FREE	FREE	FREE
20	- Tomato ketchup and other tomato sauces	FREE	(*)	FREE
30	- Mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard	FREE	FREE	FREE <sup>1)</sup>
90	- Other	(*)	(*)	FREE
<b>21.04</b>	<b>Soups and broths and preparations therefor; homogenised composite food preparations.</b>	*	(*)	(*)
<b>21.05</b>	<b>Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa.</b>	Excluded	(*)	*
<b>21.06</b>	<b>Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included.</b>			
10	- Protein concentrates and textured protein substances	FREE	*	(*)
ex 90	- Other:			
	-- Other than flavoured or coloured sugar syrups	Excluded	(*)	(*)

HS Heading	Description of products	Iceland	Norway	Switzerland/ Liechtenstein
<b>22.01</b>	<b>Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavoured; ice and snow.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>22.02</b>	<b>Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading 20.09.</b>			
10	- Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured	FREE	FREE	FREE
90	- Other	(*)	(*)	(*)
<b>22.03</b>	<b>Beer made from malt.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>22.05</b>	<b>Vermouth and other wine of fresh grapes flavoured with plants or aromatic substances.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>22.07</b>	<b>Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 % vol or higher; ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength.</b>			
20	- Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength	FREE	FREE	FREE
<b>22.08</b>	<b>Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages.</b>			
20	- Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc	FREE	FREE	FREE
30	- Whiskies	FREE	FREE	FREE
40	- Rum and other spirits obtained by distilling fermented sugar-cane products	FREE	FREE	FREE
50	- Gin and Geneva	FREE	FREE	FREE
60	- Vodka	FREE	FREE	FREE
70	- Liqueurs and cordials	FREE	FREE	FREE
90	- Other	FREE	FREE	(*)
<b>22.09</b>	<b>Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid.</b>	FREE	FREE	FREE

\* = Duty in accordance with Article 1.1(a) in this Annex.

FREE = No fixed duty in accordance with Article 1.1(a) applied.

(\*) = Contains also tariff lines which are "free".

1) = When for feed purpose: Norway: Partial concessions. Switzerland: No concessions.

2) = Concessions not granted for baker's yeast and when for feed purpose.