Agricultural Protocol between the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Croatia

21 June 2001

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If the Government of Croatia agrees to the above, this Letter and your Letter in reply shall constitute an agreement that this Protocol shall be applied from the date of entry into force of the said Free Trade Agreement.

This Protocol shall remain in force as long as the Parties to it remain parties to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Croatia.

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| Tariff item. | Description of products | WTO bound rate (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) | Croatia (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) |
|--------------|--|---|--|
| 0409.0000 | Natural honey. | 24,47 | 22,47 |
| ex 07.01 | Potatoes, fresh or chilled. | | |
| 0701.90 | - Other: | | |
| | From 15 May to 15 July: | | |
| 0701.9011 | New potatoes | 2,17 | 2,13 |
| | Other: | | |
| 0701.9018 | Other (other than peeled or shelled, whether or not cut or sliced) From 16 July to 14 May: | 2,17 | 2,13 |
| 0701 0021 | Peeled or shelled, whether or not cut or sliced | 100% | 96% |
| | Other | 1,12 | 1,08 |
| 0701.9029 | Outer | 1,12 | 1,00 |
| ex 07.02 | Tomatoes, fresh or chilled. | | |
| | - From 1 November to 9 May | Free | Free |
| | - From 15 October to 31 October | 1,60 | Free |
| | | -, | • |
| ex 07.03 | Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled. | | |
| 0703.10 | - Onions and shallots: | | |
| | Onions: | | |
| | From 1 September to 30 June: | | |
| 0703.1012 | Red onion | 1,09 | 0,89 |
| 0703.1019 | Other | 1,09 | 0,89 |
| | From 1 July to 31 August: | | |
| | Red onion | 2,14 | 1,94 |
| 0703.1029 | Other | 2,14 | 1,94 |
| | Shallots: | | |
| | From 1 September to 30 June | 1,09 | 0,79 |
| | From 1 July to 31 August | 2,14 | 1,84 |
| 0703.2000 | - Garlic | 0,03 | Free |
| ex 07.04 | Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled. | | |
| ex 0704.10 | - Cauliflowers and headed broccoli: | | |
| | Cauliflowers: | | |
| | From 15 October to 30 November | 0,18 | Free |
| | From 1 December to 31 May | Free | Free |
| | - Brussels sprouts: | | _ |
| | From 1 June to 20 September | 0,24 | Free |
| ex 0704.90 | | | |
| 0704 0040 | Red cabbage: | 1.06 | 1.70 |
| | From 1 October to 31 July From 1 August to 30 September | 1,86 | 1,70 |
| | From 1 August to 30 September | 0,05 | Free |
| 0704.7000 | Chinese cabbage Other: | 0,64 | Free |
| 0704.9099 | Other (other than savoy cabbage and curly kale) | 0,80 | Free |
| ex 07.07 | Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled Snake cucumbers: | | |

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|--------------|---|---|--|
| | From 1 November to 30 November | 0,60 | Free |
| 0707.0030 | From 1 December to 9 March | Free | Free |
| ex 07.09 | Other vegetables, fresh or chilled. | | |
| 0709.10 | - Globe artichokes: | | |
| | From 1 June to 30 November | 0,08 | Free |
| 0709.1090 | From 1 December to 31 May | Free | Free |
| 0709.20 | - Asparagus: | | |
| 0709.2010 | From 1 May to 14 November | 0,08 | Free |
| 0709.2090 | From 15 November to 30 April | Free | Free |
| 0709.3000 | - Aubergines (egg-plants) | 0,24 | Free |
| 0709.40 | - Celery other than celeriac: | | |
| 0709.4010 | From 1 July to 31 August | 5,26 | 4,94 |
| 0709.4020 | From 1 September to 30 June | 3,35 | 3,03 |
| | - Mushrooms and truffles: | | |
| 0709.51 | Mushrooms: | | |
| 0709.5110 | Champignons | 0,30 | Free |
| | Other | 0,30 | Free |
| 0709,5200 | Truffles | 0,24 | Free |
| | - Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta: | • | |
| | Sweet peppers (Capsicum annuum var. annuum): | | |
| 0709.6010 | From 1 June to 30 November | 0,24 | Free |
| | From 1 December to 31 May | 0,12 | Free |
| 0709.6090 | | Free | Free |
| | - Spinach, New Zealand spinach and orache spinach (garden spinach): | 1100 | |
| 0709,7020 | From 1 October to 30 April | 0,24 | Free |
| ex 0709.90 | | -,- | |
| | Olives | 0,09 | Free |
| | Capers | 0,60 | Free |
| ******* | Sweet corn: | *,** | |
| 0709.9050 | Other (other than for animal feeding) | Free | Free |
| 0,00,000 | Other (other than curled parsley): | | |
| 0709 9091 | Courgettes | 0,80 | Free |
| | Other vegetables | 0,80 | Free |
| ex 08.04 | Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried. | | |
| 0804.20 | - | | |
| 0804.2010 | | 0,09 | Free |
| 0804.2090 | Other | 0,01 | Free |
| ex 08.05 | Citrus fruit, fresh or dried. | | |
| ex 0805.20 | - Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas); clementines, | | |
| | wilkings and similar citrus hybrids: | | |
| 0805.2090 | Other (other than for feed purpose) | 0,40 pr 100 kg | Free |
| ex 08.08 | Apples, pears and quinces, fresh. | | |
| ex .0808.10 | | | |
| 0808.1022 | From 1 December to 30 April | 0,03 | Free |
| ex 08.10 | Other fruit, fresh. | | |
| 0810.5000 | - Kiwi | 0,06 | Free |

| Tariff item. | Description of products | WTO bound rate (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) | Croatia (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| ex 10.05 | Maize (corn). | | _ |
| 1005.1000 | | Free | Free |
| ex 1005.90 1005.9090 | - Other: - Other (other than for feed purpose) | Free | Free |
| | • • • | | |
| ex 11.07 | Malt, whether or not roasted. | | |
| | - Not roasted: | T | F |
| | - Other (other than for feed purpose) | Free | Free |
| ex 1107.20 1107.2090 | - Roasted: - Other (other than for feed purpose) | Free | Free |
| 12.11 | Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not | | |
| 1211-1000 | cut, crushed or powdered Liquorice roots | Free | Free |
| | - Ginseng roots | Free | Free |
| 1211.2000 | - Other: | 1100 | 1100 |
| 1211.9001 | Coca leaves | Free | Free |
| | Poppy straw | Free | Free |
| 1211.9009 | *** | Free | Free |
| ex 1509.90 | Other (other than for feed purpose) | Free Free | Free Free |
| ex 15.10 | Other oils and their fractions, obtained solely from olives, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, including blends of these oils or fractions with oils or fractions of heading No. 15.09. | | |
| 1510.0090 | - Other | Free | Free |
| 17.01 ex 1703-11 | Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form. - Raw sugar not containing added flavouring or colouring matter: - Cane sugar: | | |
| | Other (other than for feed purpose) | 0,03 | Free |
| | - Beet sugar: | 0,03 | . 100 |
| | Other (other than for feed purpose) | 0,03 | Free |
| A 1701 01 | - Other: | | |
| | Containing added flavouring or colouring matter: | 0.00 | F. |
| ex 1701.9190 | Other (other than for feed purpose) | 0,03 | Free |
| ex 1/01.99 | | | |
| 1701 0001 | Other (other than for feed purpose): | A 44 | 1 7. |
| 1701.9991 | In lumps or powdered | 0,03 | Free |
| 1701.0005 | Other sugar: | | _ |
| 1/01.9995 | In retail sale packages of a weight not exceeding 24 kg | 0,03 | Free |
| | Other (in bulk or whole sale packages) | 0,03 | Free |

| Tariff item. | Description of products | WTO bound rate (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) | Croatia (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| ex 20.01 | Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, | *************************************** | |
| | prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid. | | |
| ex 2001.90 | | | |
| **** | Vegetables: | 0.60 | Enga |
| | Capers | 0,60 | Free Free |
| 2001.9020 | Olives | 0,30 | Fiee |
| 2001.9051 | Other (other than Sweet corn (Zea mays var. saccharata)): Sweet peppers (Capsicum annuum var. annuum) | 0,18 | 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. | | |
| 2005.7000 | | 0,60 | Free |
| ex 2005.90 | - Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables: | | |
| 2005.9001 | Capers | 34,92 | Free |
| 2005.9002 | Globe artichokes | 34,92 | Free |
| 2005,9003 | Sweet peppers (Capsicum annuum var. annuum) | 34,92 | Free |
| 2005.9004 | Bamboo shoots | 34,92 | Free |
| ex 21.03 | Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard. | | |
| ex 2103.90 | - Other: | | |
| | Other (other than mayonnaise and remoulades) | | |
| | Other (other than mango chutney, liquid): | | |
| ex 2103.9099 | Vegeta, containing solely salt, dehydrated carrots, parsnip, onion, celery and parsley leaves, flavour enhancers, sugar, spices, less than 5% by weight of corn starch and colour | 27,66 | Free |
| 22.01 | Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavoured; ice and snow. - Mineral waters and aerated waters | 0,06 pr. litre | ı |
| | - Other: | • | |
| 2201.9001 | Drinking water, put up for retail sale | Free | 1 |
| 2201.9009 | Other | Free | ı |
| ex 22.02 | 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 No 2009. | | |
| 2202.1000 | - Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured | 0,30 | ı |
| ex 2202.90 | | | |
| | Non-alcoholic wines | 0,30 | |
| 2202.9020 | Non-alcoholic beer (beer with an alcoholic strength not exceeding 0,5% by volume) | 0,30 | |
| 2202.9090 | Other (other than non-alcoholic beverages with a basis of milk or milk proteins) | 2,50 | 1 |
| 22.03 | Beer made from mait. | | |
| 2203.0001 | - Class a, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an strength by volume exceeding 0,5%, but not exceeding 0,7%) | 1,28 pr. litre | I |
| | - Class b, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | 1 |

| Tariff item. | Description of products | WTO bound rate (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) | Croatia (NOK/kg or % ad valorem) |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| | strength by volume exceeding 0,7%, but not exceeding 2,75%) | | |
| 2203.0003 | - Class c, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | 1 |
| | strength by volume exceeding 2,75%, but not exceeding 3,75%) | | |
| 2203.0004 | - Class d, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | ı |
| | strength by volume exceeding 3,75%, but not exceeding 4,75%) | | |
| 2203.0005 | - Class e, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | 1 |
| | strength by volume exceeding 4,75%, but not exceeding 5,75%) | - | |
| 2203.0006 | - Class f, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | ι |
| | strength by volume exceeding 5,75%, but not exceeding 6,75%) | - | |
| 2203.0007 | - Class g, other than beer of commodity No. 2202.90.20 (with an | 1,28 pr. litre | ı |
| | strength by volume exceeding 6,75%, but not exceeding 7,0%) | • | |
| 2203.0009 | | 1,28 pr. litre | |
| 24.02 | Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of | | |
| | tobacco substitutes. | | |
| 2402.10 | - Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos, containing tobacco: | | |
| 2402.1001 | · · · | 12,75 | Free |
| 2402.1009 | - | 12,75 | Free |
| 2402.2000 | - Cigarettes containing tobacco | 14,45 | Free |
| 2402.9000 | · - | 12,75 | Free |

¹⁾ Treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the European Community

| Tariff item. | Description of products | Tariff rate |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| 0406 | Cheese and curd | free* |
| 2103 | Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard. | |
| 2103.90 | - Other | |
| 2103.904 | vegeta | free |
| 2201 | Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavoured; ice and snow | ** |
| 2202 | Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter of flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages, not including fruit or vegetable juices of heading No. 20.09 | |
| 2202.10 | -Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter of flavoured | |
| 2202.101 | dietetic refreshing non-alcoholic beverages, except low energy beverages | ** |
| 2202.109 | other | ** |
| 2202.90 | - Other | |
| 2202.903 | non-alcoholic beer | ** |
| 2202.904 | refreshing non-alcoholic beverages on the cereal basis | ** |
| 2202.909 | Other | ** |
| 2203 | Beer made from malt. | ** |
| 22.08 | Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages | |
| ex 2208.90 | - Other: | |
| | Aquavit (distilled spirits flavoured with cumin seeds) | free*** |

^{*)} Within a bilateral tariff rate quota of 50 tons.

**) Treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the European Community

***) Within a bilateral tariff rate quota of 10000 litres

Rules of origin

- 1. a) For the purpose of implementing this Protocol, a product shall be considered to be originating in Norway or in Croatia if it has been wholly obtained there.
 - b) The following shall be considered as wholly obtained in Norway or in Croatia:
 - 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 sub-paragraphs 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 Norway or in Croatia and incorporating materials which have not been wholly obtained there, shall also be considered as originating in Norway or Croatia, respectively, 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 Croatia to Norway or from Norway to Croatia without passing through the territory of another country. However, products originating in Norway or in Croatia and constituting one single shipment which is not split up may be transported through territory other than that of Croatia or Norway with, should the occasion arise, transshipment or temporary warehousing in such other 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 customs authorities of the importing country in accordance with the relevant provisions of Annex III to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Croatia.
- 4. Originating products within the meaning of this Annex, shall on importation into

Norway or Croatia, 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 Annex III to the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Croatia.

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

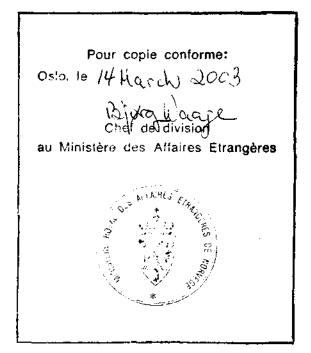
Appendix to Annex 3

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 |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 04.06 | Cheese and curd | Manufacture in which all the materials of Chapter 4 used must be wholly obtained |
| 15.09 | Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product (however, simple mixing is not origin conferring) |
| 15.10 | Other oils and their fractions, obtained solely from olives, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, including blends of these oils or fractions with oils or fractions of heading No. 15.09 | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product (however, simple mixing is not origin conferring) |
| 17.01 | Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form: | |
| | - Flavoured or coloured | Manufacture in which the value of any materials of Chapter 17 used does not exceed 30% of the ex-works price of the product |
| | - Other | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product |
| 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 and other parts of plants used must be wholly obtained |
| 20.05 | Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products or heading No. 20.06 | Manufacture in which all the vegetables used must be wholly obtained |
| 21.03 | Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard: | |

| | Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product. However, mustard flour or meal or prepared mustard may be used |
|-------|--|--|
| | Mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard | Manufacture from materials of any heading |
| 22.02 | 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 No 2009 | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product, and in which any fruit juice used (except for pineapple, lime and grapefruit juices) must already be originating |
| 22.03 | Beer made from malt | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other than that of the product |
| 22.08 | Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume less than 80 % vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages | Manufacture in which all material of Chapter 22 used must be wholly obtained |
| 24.02 | Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of tobacco | Manufacture in which all the materials used are classified within a heading other |

substitutes



than that of the product