

Agreement on the European Economic Area

PART I

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- Article 1 (1) The aim of this Agreement of association is to...
- Article 2 For the purposes of this Agreement: the term 'Agreement' means...
- Article 3 The Contracting Parties shall take all appropriate measures, whether general...
- Article 4 Within the scope of application of this Agreement, and without...
- Article 5 A Contracting Party may at any time raise a matter...
- Article 6 Without prejudice to future developments of case-law, the provisions of...
- Article 7 Acts referred to or contained in the Annexes to this...

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- Article 8 (1) Free movement of goods between the Contracting Parties shall...
- Article 9 (1) The rules of origin are set out in Protocol...
- Article 10 Customs duties on imports and exports, and any charges having...
- Article 11 Quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect...
- Article 12 Quantitative restrictions on exports and all measures having equivalent effect...
- Article 13 The provisions of Articles 11 and 12 shall not preclude...
- Article 14 No Contracting Party shall impose, directly or indirectly, on the...
- Article 15 Where products are exported to the territory of any Contracting...
- Article 16 (1) The Contracting Parties shall ensure that any State monopoly...

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- Article 17 Annex I contains specific provisions and arrangements concerning veterinary and...
- Article 18 Without prejudice to the specific arrangements governing trade in agricultural...

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- Article 19 (1) The Contracting Parties shall examine any difficulties that might...
- Article 20 Provisions and arrangements that apply to fish and other marine...

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- Article 21 (1) In order to facilitate trade between them, the Contracting...
- Article 22 A Contracting Party which is considering the reduction of the...

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- Article 25 Where compliance with the provisions of Articles 10 and 12...
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- Article 29 In order to provide freedom of movement for workers and...
- Article 30 In order to make it easier for persons to take...

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- Article 31 (1) Within the framework of the provisions of this Agreement,...
- Article 32 The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply, so far...
- Article 33 The provisions of this Chapter and measures taken in pursuance...
- Article 34 Companies or firms formed in accordance with the law of...
- Article 35 The provisions of Article 30 shall apply to the matters...

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- Article 36 (1) Within the framework of the provisions of this Agreement,...
- Article 37 Services shall be considered to be 'services' within the meaning...
- Article 38 Freedom to provide services in the field of transport shall...
- Article 39 The provisions of Articles 30 and 32 to 34 shall...

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- Article 41 Current payments connected with the movement of goods, persons, services...
- Article 42 (1) Where domestic rules governing the capital market and the...
- Article 43 (1) Where differences between the exchange rules of EC Member...
- Article 44 The Community, on the one hand, and the EFTA States,...
- Article 45 (1) Decisions, opinions and recommendations related to the measures laid...

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- Article 49 Aid shall be compatible with this Agreement if it meets...
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Article 62 (1) All existing systems of State aid in the territory...
Article 63 Annex XV contains specific provisions on State aid.
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- Article 80 The cooperation provided for in Article 78 shall normally take...
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- Article 85 Unless otherwise provided for in Protocol 31, cooperation already established...
- Article 86 The EEA Joint Committee shall, in accordance with Part VII,...
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