# Agreement on the European Economic Area

# PART I

# **OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES**

(1) The aim of this Agreement of association is to
For the purposes of this Agreement: the term 'Agreement' means
The Contracting Parties shall take all appropriate measures, whether general
Within the scope of application of this Agreement, and without
A Contracting Party may at any time raise a matter
Without prejudice to future developments of case-law, the provisions of
Acts referred to or contained in the Annexes to this
PART II
FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS
CHAPTER 1
BASIC PRINCIPLES
(1) Free movement of goods between the Contracting Parties shall
(1) The rules of origin are set out in Protocol
Customs duties on imports and exports, and any charges having
Quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect
Quantitative restrictions on exports and all measures having equivalent effect
The provisions of Articles 11 and 12 shall not preclude
No Contracting Party shall impose, directly or indirectly, on the
Where products are exported to the territory of any Contracting
(1) The Contracting Parties shall ensure that any State monopoly
CHAPTER 2

#### CHAPTER 2

# AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

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

Article 19	(1) The Contracting Parties shall examine any difficulties that might
Article 20	Provisions and arrangements that apply to fish and other marine
	CHAPTER 3
COOPERATIO	ON IN CUSTOMS-RELATED MATTERS AND TRADE FACILITATION
Article 21 Article 22	(1) In order to facilitate trade between them, the Contracting A Contracting Party which is considering the reduction of the
	CHAPTER 4
OTHE	R RULES RELATING TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS
Article 23	Specific provisions and arrangements are laid down in: Protocol
Article 24	12 Annex IV contains specific provisions and arrangements
Article 25 Article 26	concerning energy.  Where compliance with the provisions of Articles 10 and 12  Anti-dumping measures, countervailing duties and measures against illicit commercial practices
	CHAPTER 5
	COAL AND STEEL PRODUCTS
Article 27	Provisions and arrangements concerning coal and steel products are set
	PART III
FR	EE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, SERVICES AND CAPITAL
	CHAPTER 1
	WORKERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS
Article 28 Article 29 Article 30	(1) Freedom of movement for workers shall be secured among In order to provide freedom of movement for workers and In order to make it easier for persons to take
	CHAPTER 2
	RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT
Article 31 Article 32 Article 33 Article 34 Article 35	(1) Within the framework of the provisions of this Agreement, The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply, so far The provisions of this Chapter and measures taken in pursuance Companies or firms formed in accordance with the law of The provisions of Article 30 shall apply to the matters

#### CHAPTER 3

	SERVICES
Article 36 Article 37 Article 38 Article 39	(1) Within the framework of the provisions of this Agreement, Services shall be considered to be 'services' within the meaning Freedom to provide services in the field of transport shall The provisions of Articles 30 and 32 to 34 shall
	CHAPTER 4
	CAPITAL
Article 40	Within the framework of the provisions of this Agreement, there
Article 41	Current payments connected with the movement of goods, persons, services
Article 42 Article 43	(1) Where domestic rules governing the capital market and the (1) Where differences between the exchange rules of EC Member
Article 44 Article 45	The Community, on the one hand, and the EFTA States, (1) Decisions, opinions and recommendations related to the measures laid
	CHAPTER 5
	ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY COOPERATION
Article 46	The Contracting Parties shall exchange views and information concerning the
	CHAPTER 6
	TRANSPORT

Article 47	(1) Articles 48 to 52 shall apply to transport by
Article 48	(1) The provisions of an EC Member State or an
Article 49	Aid shall be compatible with this Agreement if it meets
Article 50	(1) In the case of transport within the territory of
Article 51	(1) The imposition, in respect of transport operations carried
	out
Article 52	Charges or dues in respect of the crossing of frontiers

#### PART IV

#### COMPETITION AND OTHER COMMON RULES

#### CHAPTER 1

# RULES APPLICABLE TO UNDERTAKINGS

Article 53 (1) The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with the...

Article 54	Any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant
Article 55	(1) Without prejudice to the provisions giving effect to Articles
Article 56	(1) Individual cases falling under Article 53 shall be decided
Article 57	(1) Concentrations the control of which is provided for in
Article 58	With a view to developing and maintaining a uniform surveillance
Article 59	(1) In the case of public undertakings and undertakings to
Article 60	Annex XIV contains specific provisions giving effect to the principles

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### STATE AID

Article 61	(1) Save as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any aid
Article 62	(1) All existing systems of State aid in the territory
Article 63	Annex XV contains specific provisions on State aid.
Article 64	(1) If one of the surveillance authorities considers that the

#### **CHAPTER 3**

#### OTHER COMMON RULES

Article 65 (1) Annex XVI contains specific provisions and arrangements concerning procurement...

#### PART V

# HORIZONTAL PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE FOUR FREEDOMS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### SOCIAL POLICY

Article 66	The Contracting Parties agree upon the need to promote improved
Article 67	(1) The Contracting Parties shall pay particular attention to encouraging
Article 68	In the field of labour law, the Contracting Parties shall
Article 69	(1) Each Contracting Party shall ensure and maintain the application
Article 70	The Contracting Parties shall promote the principle of equal treatment
Article 71	The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to promote the dialogue between

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Article 72 Annex XIX contains provisions on consumer protection.

Article 88

Agreement,...

# CHAPTER 3

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

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Article 73	(1) Action by the Contracting Parties relating to the environment
Article 74	Annex XX contains the specific provisions on protective measures which
Article 75	The protective measures referred to in Article 74 shall not
	CHAPTER 4
	STATISTICS
Article 76	(1) The Contracting Parties shall ensure the production and dissemination
	CHAPTER 5
	COMPANY LAW
Article 77	Annex XXII contains specific provisions on company law.
	PART VI
	COOPERATION OUTSIDE THE FOUR FREEDOMS
Article 78	The Contracting Parties shall strengthen and broaden cooperation in the
Article 79	(1) The Contracting Parties shall strengthen the dialogue between them
Article 80	The cooperation provided for in Article 78 shall normally take
Article 81	Where cooperation takes the form of participation by EFTA States
Article 82	(1) When the cooperation envisaged under the present Part involves
Article 83	Where cooperation takes the form of an exchange of information
Article 84	Provisions governing cooperation in specific fields are set out in
Article 85	Unless otherwise provided for in Protocol 31, cooperation already established
Article 86	The EEA Joint Committee shall, in accordance with Part VII,
Article 87	The Contracting Parties shall take the necessary steps to

Without prejudice to provisions of other Parts of this

# PART VII INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

# CHAPTER 1

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Section 1

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	The EEA Council
Article 89 Article 90 Article 91	<ol> <li>(1) An EEA Council is hereby established. It shall, in</li> <li>(1) The EEA Council shall consist of the members of</li> <li>(1) The office of President of the EEA Council shall</li> </ol>
	Section 2
	The EEA Joint Committee
Article 92 Article 93 Article 94	<ol> <li>(1) An EEA Joint Committee is hereby established. It shall</li> <li>(1) The EEA Joint Committee shall consist of representatives of</li> <li>(1) The office of President of the EEA Joint Committee</li> </ol>
	Section 3
	Parliamentary cooperation
Article 95	(1) An EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee is hereby established. It
	Section 4
	Cooperation between economic and social partners
Article 96	(1) Members of the Economic and Social Committee and other
	CHAPTER 2
	THE DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURE
Article 97	This Agreement does not prejudge the right for each

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	Contracting
Article 98	The Annexes to this Agreement and Protocols 1 to 7,
Article 99	(1) As soon as new legislation is being drawn up
Article 100	The EC Commission shall ensure experts of the EFTA States
Article 101	(1) In respect of committees which are covered neither by
Article 102	(1) In order to guarantee the legal security and the
Article 103	(1) If a decision of the EEA Joint Committee can
Article 104	Decisions taken by the EEA Joint Committee in the cases

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#### CHAPTER 3

# HOMOGENEITY, SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURE AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

#### Section 1

	Homogeneity
Article 105 Article 106 Article 107	(1) In order to achieve the objective of the Contracting In order to ensure as uniform an interpretation as possible Provisions on the possibility for an EFTA State to allow
	Section 2
	Surveillance procedure
Article 108	(1) The EFTA States shall establish an independent surveillance authority
Article 109 Article 110	(1) The fulfilment of the obligations under this Agreement shall Decisions under this Agreement by the EFTA Surveillance Authority and

#### Section 3

# Settlement of disputes

Article 111 (1) The Community or an EFTA State may bring a...

#### **CHAPTER 4**

#### SAFEGUARD MEASURES

Article 112	(1) If serious economic, societal or environmental difficulties of
	a
Article 113	(1) A Contracting Party which is considering taking safeguard
	measures
Article 114	(1) If a safeguard measure taken by a Contracting Party
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#### PART VIII

#### FINANCIAL MECHANISM

With a view to promoting a continuous and balanced
strengthening
A Financial Mechanism shall be established by the EFTA States
Provisions governing the Financial Mechanisms are set out in
Protocol

# PART IX

# GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 118	(1) Where a Contracting Party considers that it would be
Article 119	The Annexes and the acts referred to therein as adapted
Article 120	Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement and in particular
	in
Article 121	The provisions of this Agreement shall not preclude cooperation: within
Article 122	The representatives, delegates and experts of the Contracting
	Parties, as
Article 123	Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Contracting Party
	from
Article 124	The Contracting Parties shall accord nationals of EC Member
	States
Article 125	This Agreement shall in no way prejudice the rules of
Article 126	(1) The Agreement shall apply to the territories to which
Article 127	Each Contracting Party may withdraw from this Agreement
	provided it
Article 128	(1) Any European State becoming a member of the Community
Article 129	(1) This Agreement is drawn up in a single original
	Signature