

CHAPTER 11

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 11.1

Fulfilment of Obligations

The Parties shall take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11.2

Footnotes, Annexes and Appendices

The footnotes, Annexes and Appendices to this Agreement constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11.3

Agreement on Labour

The Parties shall enhance their dialogue and co-operation on labour matters through the Agreement on Labour between Hong Kong, China and the EFTA States concluded by the Parties separately from but alongside this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11.4

Review Relating to Sustainable Development

The Parties will, upon request by a Party, review issues relating to sustainable development in light of international developments in this field.

ARTICLE 11.5

Amendments

1. Any Party may submit proposals for amendments to this Agreement to the Joint Committee for consideration and approval.

2. Except for amendments to the Annexes and Appendices made in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 9.1, amendments to this Agreement shall, after consideration and approval by the Joint Committee, be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with their respective domestic legal requirements.

3. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

4. The text of the amendments and the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 11.6

Accession

1. Any State becoming a Member of the European Free Trade Association may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee approves its accession on terms and conditions to be agreed upon by the Parties. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

2. In relation to an acceding State, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument of accession, or the approval of the terms of accession by the existing Parties, whichever is later.

ARTICLE 11.7

Withdrawal and Expiration

1. Each Party may withdraw from this Agreement by means of a written notification to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect six months after the date on which the notification is received by the Depositary.

2. If Hong Kong, China withdraws, this Agreement shall expire when its withdrawal becomes effective.

3. Any EFTA State which withdraws from the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association shall *ipso facto* on the same day as the withdrawal takes effect cease to be a Party to this Agreement. A copy of the notification of withdrawal from the Convention shall promptly be submitted to the other Parties.

ARTICLE 11.8

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with the respective domestic legal requirements of the Parties. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 June 2012, in relation to those Parties which have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary at least two months before that date, provided that Hong Kong, China is among those Parties.
3. In case this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 June 2012, it shall enter into force on the first day of the third month after at least one EFTA State and Hong Kong, China have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance, or approval with the Depositary.
4. In relation to an EFTA State depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval after this Agreement has entered into force, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument.
5. This Agreement shall not enter into force between an EFTA State and Hong Kong, China, unless the Agreement on Agriculture referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 2.1 between that EFTA State and Hong Kong, China enters into force simultaneously. It shall remain in force as long as such Agreement on Agriculture remains in force between those Parties.

ARTICLE 11.9

Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Schaan, this 21st day of June 2011, in one original in the English language, which shall be deposited with the Depositary, who shall transmit certified copies to the Parties.

For Iceland

For the Hong Kong Special
Administrative Region of the
People's Republic of China

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For the Principality of Liechtenstein

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For the Kingdom of Norway

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For the Swiss Confederation

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