

CHAPTER 10 FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 10.1

Transparency

1. The Parties shall publish their laws, or otherwise make publicly available their laws, regulations, and administrative rulings and judicial decisions of general application as well as their respective international agreements that may affect the operation of this Agreement.
2. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions, and provide upon request information to each other, on matters referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Nothing in this Agreement shall require any Party to disclose confidential information, which would impede law enforcement, otherwise be contrary to the public interest or prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of any economic operator.
4. In the case of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and provisions relating to transparency in other Chapters, the latter shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

ARTICLE 10.2

Annexes and Appendices

The Annexes and Appendices to this Agreement form an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE 10.3

Amendments

1. Amendments to this Agreement other than those referred to in paragraph 7 of Article 8.1 shall, after approval by the Joint Committee, be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval, in accordance with each Party's constitutional requirements.
2. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.
3. The text of the amendments as well as the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depository.

ARTICLE 10.4

Accession

1. Any State, Member of the European Free Trade Association, may accede to this Agreement, provided that the Joint Committee decides to approve its accession, on terms and conditions to be negotiated between the acceding State and the existing 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 second 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 10.5

Withdrawal and Termination

1. Any 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 Korea withdraws, this Agreement shall expire on the date specified in paragraph 1.
3. In case any EFTA State withdraws from the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association, this EFTA State shall withdraw from this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 10.6

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 2006 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have ratified this Agreement, provided they have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary at least one month before the entry into force, and provided that Korea is among the States that have deposited their instruments.
3. In case this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 July 2006, it shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the latter date on which Korea

and at least one EFTA State have deposited their instruments 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, the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the deposit of its instrument.

5. If its constitutional requirements permit, any EFTA State may apply this Agreement provisionally. Provisional application of this Agreement under this paragraph shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 10.7

Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

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

Done at Hong Kong, this 15th day of December 2005, in a single original in the English language, which shall be deposited with the Government of Norway. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all Signatory States.

For the Republic of Korea

For the Republic of Iceland

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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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