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Community and the Republic of Iceland

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
AND THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND

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THE EUROPEAN UNION

and

ICELAND

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland signed on 22 July 1972, and to the existing arrangements for trade in fish and fishery products between Iceland and the Community,

HAVING REGARD to the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland concerning special provisions applicable for the period 2009-2014 to imports into the Union of certain fish and fishery products, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAVING REGARD to the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland consequent on the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

HAVE DECIDED TO CONCLUDE THIS PROTOCOL:

ARTICLE 1

1. The special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fishery products originating in Iceland are laid down in this Protocol and the Annex thereto. The annual duty free tariff quotas are set out in the Annex to this Protocol. These tariff quotas shall be applicable from the day on which the provisional application of this Protocol becomes effective, according to procedures laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 4, until 30 April 2021.
2. At the end of this period, the Contracting Parties will assess the need to maintain the special provisions referred to in paragraph 1 and, if necessary, review the quota levels while taking into account all relevant interests.

ARTICLE 2

1. The tariff quotas shall be opened on the day on which the provisional application of this Protocol becomes effective, according to procedures laid down in paragraph 3 of Article 4.
2. The volumes of the tariff quotas are set out in the Annex to this Protocol. The first tariff quota shall be available from the date of provisional application of this Protocol until 30 April 2017. From 1 May 2017 onwards, subsequent tariff quotas shall be allocated annually from 1 May to 30 April until the end of the period referred to in Article 1 of this Protocol.

3. The tariff quota volumes covering the period from 1 May 2014 until the provisional application of this Protocol shall be proportionally allocated and made available for the rest of the period referred to in Article 1 of this Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

The rules of origin applicable for the tariff quotas listed in the Annex to this Protocol shall be those set out in the Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland signed on 22 July 1972.

ARTICLE 4

1. This Protocol shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

2. It shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the last instrument of ratification or approval has been deposited.

3. Pending the completion of the procedures referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, this Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis as from the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last notification to this effect.

ARTICLE 5

This Protocol, drawn up in a single original in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Icelandic languages, the text in each of these languages being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, which will remit a certified copy to each of the Parties.

Done at Brussels, this ...of [year].

For the European Union

For Iceland

SPECIAL PROVISIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE PROTOCOL

In addition to the existing permanent duty free tariff quotas, the European Union shall open the following annual duty free tariff quotas for products originating in Iceland:

| CN code | Description of products | Annual (1.5-30.4) tariff quota volume in net weight unless otherwise specified * |
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| 0303 51 00 | Herrings of the species <i>Clupea harengus</i> and <i>Clupea pallasii</i> , frozen, excluding livers and roes ⁽¹⁾ | 950 tonnes |
| 0306 15 90 | Frozen Norway lobsters (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>) | 1 000 tonnes |
| 0304 49 50 | Fillets of redfish (<i>Sebastes</i> spp.), fresh or chilled | 2 000 tonnes |
| 1604 20 90 | Other preparations of fish | 2 500 tonnes |
| ⁽¹⁾ The benefit of the tariff quota shall not be granted to goods declared for release for free circulation during the period 15 February to 15 June. | | |

* Quantities shall be added in accordance with Article 2(3) of the Additional Protocol.