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### Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

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In accordance with the guidelines approved by the Council For Trade in Goods,<sup>1</sup> as recommended by the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements,<sup>2</sup> and the reporting schedule established by the WTO Secretariat,<sup>3</sup> the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) hereby submits its periodical report on the operation of the Agreement since 1986. It should be noted that while the last such report was made available in 1986,<sup>4</sup> EFTA has published regularly its annual reports. Today, the annual reports are available on the EFTA webpage.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, the EFTA webpage provides comprehensive information on EFTA and its activities including links to its Member States.

A list of all amendments made to the Stockholm Convention since 1986, other than those on Annex B adopted before 1 January 1997, is set out as Annex 1 to this report. An updated version of the Stockholm Convention incorporating all amendments up to 1 May 1999 has been published by the EFTA Secretariat.<sup>6</sup>

## I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

### 1. Membership and Dates of Signature, Ratification and Entry into Force

Austria, Denmark, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom concluded the Stockholm Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association in 1960. Finland became an associate Member in 1961 and a full member in 1986, while Iceland joined in 1970 and Liechtenstein in 1991. Since its foundation, a number of EFTA Member States have left the

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<sup>1</sup> G/L/286.

<sup>2</sup> WT/REG/4.

<sup>3</sup> WT/REG/W/33.

<sup>4</sup> The biennial reporting practice under Article XXIV of GATT was practically "on hold" in GATT and the WTO until the 1998 decisions to reactivate it.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.efta.int>

<sup>6</sup> Copies of the updated loose-leaf version of the Stockholm Convention have been made available to the WTO Secretariat. Interested delegations may consult by contacting the WTO Secretariat (Room 3006), or alternatively the EFTA's website at [www.efta.int/structure/EFTA/efta-sec.cfm](http://www.efta.int/structure/EFTA/efta-sec.cfm).

Association to join the European Union (EU, earlier European Economic Community or European Communities): Denmark and the United Kingdom in 1973, Portugal in 1986 and most recently Austria, Finland and Sweden on 1 January 1995. The current Member States of EFTA are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

## **2. Trade Data**

As stated above, great changes have occurred within EFTA during the period 1986 to 1997. With the departure of four Member States from the Association (Portugal in 1986 and Austria, Finland and Sweden in 1995), intra-EFTA trade fell from over 10 per cent to less than 1 per cent during the period under consideration. In order to compare what is comparable, the focus in the present report will be on the development of trade among the 4 EFTA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

From 1986 to 1997, intra-EFTA trade among the four current EFTA countries grew by 56.1 per cent from 1,292 million US dollars to 2,017 million US dollars. However, the share of intra-EFTA trade fell from 1.1 per cent to 0.8 per cent during the period under consideration.

During the same period, the EFTA countries' trade with the world literally doubled from 119,618 million US dollars in 1986 to 240,337 million US dollars in 1997. Exports increased by 122.3 per cent and imports by 81.5 per cent over the period under consideration.

Trade between the EFTA countries and the 15 EU countries expanded by 94.9 per cent between 1986 and 1997. The share of EFTA's trade with the 15 EU countries slightly dropped from 71.9 per cent in 1986 to 69.7 per cent in 1997. EFTA imports from the 15 EU countries decreased from 76.8 per cent in 1986 to 73.9 per cent in 1997 while exports remained stable at around 66 per cent (66.4 per cent in 1986 and 66.0 per cent in 1997).

EFTA countries' trade with other FTA partners rose by 177 per cent during the period under consideration. EFTA's trade share with other FTA partners expanded from 2.1 per cent of total EFTA trade in 1986 to 2.9 per cent in 1997. EFTA imports and exports to other FTA partners followed the same trend. Imports increased from 1.3 per cent in 1986 to 1.9 per cent in 1997. Exports grew from 3.0 per cent in 1986 to 3.8 per cent in 1997.

Trade between the EFTA countries and other countries in the world, with which EFTA has no preferential agreement, increased by 113.7 per cent between 1986 and 1997. Imports grew by 103.2 per cent while exports expanded by 122 per cent during the period under consideration. EFTA's trade share with other countries in the world has remained stable over the period under review: in 1986 the share was 25.0 per cent and has increased to 26.6 per cent by 1997.

Detailed trade data can be found in Annex 2.

## **II. TRADE PROVISIONS**

### **1. Import Restrictions**

### **2. Export Restrictions**

In 1989, the principle of free trade in fish and other marine products was agreed among the EFTA States by an amendment of Article 26 and Annex E. Fish and other marine products are treated

like industrial products under the Convention and trade in this sector is liberalized in all the Member States.

### **3. Rules of Origin**

A number of amendments have been made to Annex B on rules of origin from 1985. A new Annex B on rules of origin and methods of administrative co-operation entered into force on 1 January 1997. By the introduction of new pan-European rules of origin, diagonal cumulation among European countries, interlinked with a network of free trade agreements, was established.<sup>7</sup>

### **4. Standards**

In 1987, a system of notification of draft technical regulations was introduced among the EFTA States in Article 12 bis and Annex H. In 1996, the procedure was amended in order to align the internal procedure between the EFTA States with the corresponding procedures in the European Economic Area and in the EU.

### **5. Other**

In 1997, new provisions on co-operation in customs-related matters were incorporated in Article 9 of the Convention in new Annex I. The aim of the new rules is to enhance co-operation between customs administrations and facilitate the prevention, detection and investigation of operations in breach of the customs legislation. The amendment is subject to ratification by the Member States and has not entered into force at the date of submission of this report.

## **III. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT**

### **1. Institutional Framework**

The Chairmanship of the EFTA Council rotates between the Member States in six-month periods. The EFTA Council meets regularly at the level of Permanent Representatives and at Ministerial level twice a year. There are a number of committees and expert groups that have been established and operate under the Council.

The EFTA Secretariat underwent some major reorganization after the reduction of the organization to four Member States in 1995, when Austria, Finland and Sweden joined the EU. The EFTA headquarters are in Geneva with offices in Brussels and Luxembourg (statistical office linked to EUROSTAT).

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<sup>7</sup> See the joint notification by the participating countries in the system of pan-European cumulation of origin, document WT/REG/GEN/N/1.

## ANNEX 1

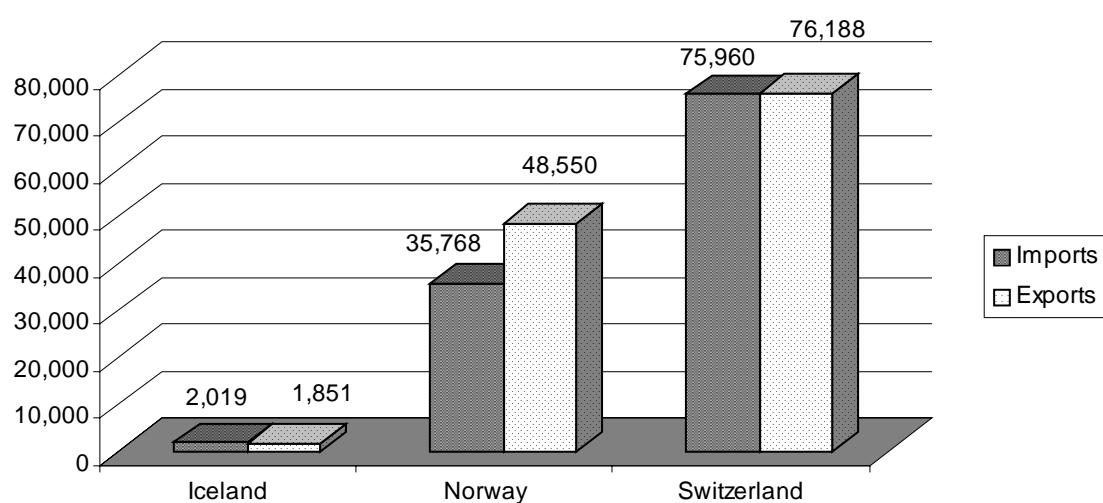
### Amendments to the Stockholm Convention Since 1986<sup>8</sup>

<b>DC No.</b>	<b>Adopted:</b>	<b>In force:</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1987				
12/87	25.11.87	1.1.88	Amendments to Annexes D and E	Agricultural goods; fish and other marine products
15/87	14.12.87	1.7.88	Introduction of a new Article 12 <i>bis</i> and an Annex H, and amendments to paragraph 1(b) of Article 21, to paragraph 1 of Article 26 and to Article 38.	Draft technical regulations
1989				
6/89	14.6.89	1.7.90	Amendments to Article 26 and 38 and to Annex E and deletion of Articles 27 and 28	Fish and other marine products
1990				
3/90	18.5.90	11.11.91	Amendments to Annex H	Draft technical regulations
1991				
2/91	22.5.91	1.9.91	Accession of Liechtenstein to the Convention	
1995				
2/95	12.1.95	12.1.95	Amendment of Article 32 of the Convention	Number of Member States required for majority vote
3/95	19.1.95	17.11.95	Amendment of certain articles of the Convention	Depositary country
1996				
1/96	28.03.96	1.9.96	Amendments to Annex H of the Convention	Replacement of Annex H – draft technical regulations
5/96 5/96 (Corr.)	16.12.96 26.2.98	1.1.97	Amendments to Annex B	Replacement of Annex B Technical errors
1997				
3/97 3/97 (Corr.) 3/97 (Rev.)	19.6.97 12.12.97	1.1.97	Amendments to Articles 9 and 38 and introduction of a new Annex I	Co-operation in customs related matters Technical errors
1998				
4/98	20.11.98		Amendments to Annex B	Corrigendum to Decision of the Council No. 5 of 1996
5/98	20.11.98	1.1.99	Amendment to Annex B	New Appendix V
7/98	18.12.98	1.1.99	Amendment to Annex B	

<sup>8</sup> In the case of Annex B (Rules of Origin), only amendments since 1996 are included.

**ANNEX 2****Table 1 - EFTA Countries Trade with the World**

	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1994/95</b>	<b>1995/96</b>	<b>1996/97</b>
<b>IMPORTS</b>		In million US dollars				Percentage Change	
Iceland	1,472	1,751	2,042	2,019	18.9	16.6	-1.1
Norway	27,295	32,706	34,309	35,768	19.8	4.9	4.3
Switzerland	67,997	80,152	79,264	75,960	17.9	-1.1	-4.2
EFTA	96,765	114,609	115,615	113,748	18.4	0.9	-1.6
<b>EXPORTS</b>							
Iceland	1,627	1,803	1,897	1,851	10.8	5.2	-2.4
Norway	34,744	41,740	48,955	48,550	20.1	17.3	-0.8
Switzerland	70,360	81,641	80,843	76,188	16.0	-1.0	-5.8
EFTA	106,730	125,184	131,695	126,589	17.3	5.2	-3.9
<b>IMPORTS + EXPORTS</b>							
Iceland	3,099	3,554	3,939	3,871	14.7	10.8	-1.7
Norway	62,038	74,446	83,264	84,318	20.0	11.8	1.3
Switzerland	138,357	161,793	160,107	152,148	16.9	-1.0	-5.0
EFTA	203,495	239,793	247,310	240,337	17.8	3.1	-2.8

**EFTA Countries Trade with the World  
(1997, in million US dollars)**

**Table 2 - EFTA COUNTRIES TRADE WITH THE WORLD BY SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Source: UN COMTRADE	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
<b>IMPORTS</b>				In thousand US dollars		
<b>Iceland</b>						
Total from the World	1,472,390	1,751,354	2,041,549	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of imports from the World</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 78 Road vehicles	83,265	118,861	157,796	5.7	6.8	7.7
SITC: 33 Petroleum, petroleum products	112,472	118,189	150,294	7.6	6.7	7.4
SITC: 74 General industrial machinery, machine parts n.e.s.	65,302	83,264	125,104	4.4	4.8	6.1
SITC: 77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.	82,534	98,176	112,647	5.6	5.6	5.5
<b>Norway</b>						
Total from the World	27,294,925	32,705,876	34,309,175	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of imports from the World</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 78 Road vehicles	2,113,556	2,624,127	2,982,457	7.7	8.0	8.7
SITC: 77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.	1,420,006	1,796,696	1,877,011	5.2	5.5	5.5
SITC: 74 General industrial machinery, machine parts n.e.s.	1,356,728	1,776,068	1,874,008	5.0	5.4	5.5
SITC: 89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	1,539,441	1,793,565	1,829,882	5.6	5.5	5.3
SITC: 72 Specialized machinery for industries	1,083,546	1,508,267	1,682,172	4.0	4.6	4.9
SITC: 75 Office machinery and automatic data processing machines	1,185,308	1,585,544	1,562,826	4.3	4.8	4.6
SITC: 79 Other transport equipment	1,436,400	1,130,283	1,525,923	5.3	3.5	4.4
SITC: 28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1,165,709	1,313,313	1,412,558	4.3	4.0	4.1
SITC: 84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	1,292,287	1,418,694	1,380,810	4.7	4.3	4.0
SITC: 67 Iron and steel	1,181,989	1,432,242	1,342,904	4.3	4.4	3.9
<b>Switzerland</b>						
Total from the World	67,997,375	80,152,044	79,264,462	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of imports from the World</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 78 Road vehicles	5,846,759	6,867,442	6,630,597	8.6	8.6	8.4
SITC: 89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	5,804,338	6,291,184	6,490,800	8.5	7.8	8.2
SITC: 77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.	3,491,127	4,325,837	4,090,589	5.1	5.4	5.2
SITC: 75 Office machinery and automatic data processing machines	3,309,706	3,924,559	3,885,678	4.9	4.9	4.9
SITC: 66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	3,764,372	3,290,791	3,817,471	5.5	4.1	4.8
SITC: 84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,469,366	3,821,475	3,731,277	5.1	4.8	4.7
SITC: 74 General industrial machinery, machine parts n.e.s.	2,738,091	3,599,365	3,384,625	4.0	4.5	4.3
SITC: 51 Organic chemicals	2,481,333	2,936,356	3,265,357	3.6	3.7	4.1
SITC: 54 Pharmaceuticals	2,414,973	2,862,357	2,877,153	3.6	3.6	3.6

**Table 3 - EFTA COUNTRIES TRADE WITH THE WORLD BY SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Source: UN COMTRADE	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
<b>EXPORTS</b>		In thousand US dollars			In per cent	
<b>Iceland</b>						
Total to the World	1,626,668	1,802,507	1,897,083	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of exports to the World:</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 03 Fish	1,157,628	1,210,474	1,217,591	71.2	67.2	64.2
SITC: 68 Non-ferrous metals	155,231	190,241	181,873	9.5	10.6	9.6
SITC: 08 Feeding stuff for animals	79,628	99,055	154,027	4.9	5.5	8.1
SITC: 79 Other transport equipment	48,401	63,842	62,641	3.0	3.5	3.3
SITC: 67 Iron and steel	38,547	49,896	57,601	2.4	2.8	3.0
<b>Norway</b>						
Total to the World	34,743,549	41,740,342	48,954,986	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of exports to the World:</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 33 Petroleum, petroleum products	14,617,649	16,754,145	22,885,429	42.1	40.1	46.7
SITC: 34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2,522,733	2,790,965	3,716,038	7.3	6.7	7.6
SITC: 03 Fish	2,678,729	3,045,421	3,321,608	7.7	7.3	6.8
SITC: 68 Non-ferrous metals	2,668,172	3,260,132	3,059,510	7.7	7.8	6.2
SITC: 93 Special transactions and commodities	5,203	3,017,824	3,028,480	0.0	7.2	6.2
SITC: 79 Other transport equipment	1,364,926	1,761,307	1,167,355	3.9	4.2	2.4
SITC: 67 Iron and steel	956,131	883,856	992,194	2.8	2.1	2.0
SITC: 64 Paper, articles of paper and pulp	1,033,163	1,023,786	911,170	3.0	2.5	1.9
<b>Switzerland</b>						
Total to the World	70,360,083	81,641,172	80,842,780	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>In per cent of exports to the World:</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>			
SITC: 54 Pharmaceuticals	6,324,945	7,589,834	8,411,217	9.0	9.3	10.4
SITC: 88 Photographic apparatus and equipment, optical goods	6,345,167	7,090,516	6,811,892	9.0	8.7	8.4
SITC: 72 Specialized machinery for industries	5,508,243	6,771,114	6,336,680	7.8	8.3	7.8
SITC: 51 Organic chemicals	4,648,728	5,587,825	5,844,700	6.6	6.8	7.2
SITC: 89 Misc. manufactured articles, n.e.s.	5,844,651	5,877,833	5,753,563	8.3	7.2	7.1
SITC: 77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s.	4,606,538	5,537,913	5,490,682	6.5	6.8	6.8
SITC: 74 General industrial machinery, machine parts n.e.s.	4,276,903	5,119,440	5,128,521	6.1	6.3	6.3
SITC: 87 Instruments	2,770,142	3,210,841	3,140,620	3.9	3.9	3.9
SITC: 69 Manufactures of metals, n.e.s.	2,572,626	3,136,419	3,064,646	3.7	3.8	3.8

**Table 4 - EFTA COUNTRIES TRADE WITH THE WORLD BY SITC SECTION**

Source UN COMTRADE

		In million US dollars											
SITC:		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5-8	Total
<b>IMPORTS</b>													
<b>1995:</b>	Iceland	168	32	93	127	5	164	297	567	294	4	1,322	1,751
	Norway	1,821	219	2,475	947	108	3,132	6,114	12,317	5,263	310	26,827	32,706
	Switzerland	3,985	1,007	2,069	2,317	118	11,715	15,270	26,795	16,676	199	70,457	80,152
	EFTA	5,974	1,258	4,637	3,391	231	15,011	21,681	39,680	22,234	513	98,606	114,609
<b>1996:</b>	Iceland	178	34	92	160	6	175	342	732	317	6	1,566	2,042
	Norway	1,947	219	2,472	1,538	120	3,111	5,826	13,462	5,325	290	27,724	34,309
	Switzerland	3,971	1,086	1,806	2,807	111	11,705	14,493	26,510	16,704	73	69,412	79,264
	EFTA	6,095	1,339	4,370	4,505	236	14,991	20,661	40,703	22,346	368	98,702	115,615
<b>1997:</b>	Iceland	167	34	77	153	6	172	333	756	318	3	1,579	2,019
	Norway	1,862	229	2,406	1,190	156	3,057	5,981	15,164	5,428	296	29,630	35,768
	Switzerland	3,600	996	1,660	3,420	102	12,131	14,206	23,972	15,719	154	66,028	75,960
	EFTA	5,629	1,258	4,143	4,764	263	15,360	20,521	39,891	21,466	453	97,238	113,748
<b>EXPORTS</b>													
<b>1995:</b>	Iceland	1,320	3	37	1	38	12	278	92	17	5	399	1,803
	Norway	3,406	22	1,023	19,735	50	1,302	6,259	5,567	1,328	3,048	14,456	41,740
	Switzerland	1,866	545	983	82	20	21,236	12,823	25,673	18,112	301	77,843	81,641
	EFTA	6,593	570	2,043	19,818	108	22,550	19,360	31,332	19,456	3,355	92,698	125,184
<b>1996:</b>	Iceland	1,385	3	33	1	59	10	281	94	15	17	400	1,897
	Norway	3,731	28	934	26,757	53	1,398	6,091	5,432	1,469	3,062	14,390	48,955
	Switzerland	1,802	541	825	96	20	21,978	12,258	25,691	17,546	87	77,472	80,843
	EFTA	6,918	572	1,791	26,855	132	23,386	18,630	31,216	19,030	3,165	92,262	131,695
<b>1997:</b>	Iceland	1,306	2	29	1	66	8	309	103	19	7	439	1,851
	Norway	3,691	39	858	26,114	54	1,435	6,173	5,886	1,437	2,864	14,931	48,550
	Switzerland	1,623	483	847	181	19	21,119	11,666	23,764	16,337	151	72,885	76,188
	EFTA	6,620	524	1,734	26,296	139	22,562	18,147	29,754	17,793	3,022	88,255	126,589

SITC 0: Food and live animals

SITC 1: Beverages and tobacco

SITC 2: Crude materials, inedible, except fuels

SITC 3: Mineral fuels, lubricants

SITC 4: Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes

SITC 5: Chemicals and related products

SITC 6: Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material

SITC 7: Machinery and transport equipment

SITC 8: Miscellaneous manufactured articles

SITC 9: Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC

**Table 5 - EFTA COUNTRIES' IMPORTS BY SITC SECTION**

		SITC :	In million US dollars										
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5-8	Total
<b>1994</b>	<b>Partner:</b>												
Iceland	EFTA	9	0	4	89	1	13	30	67	13	2	124	229
	EU	82	14	18	16	3	109	187	254	172	2	723	858
	Other FTA	1	0	2	1	-	0	4	4	5	-	14	19
Norway	World	138	27	66	122	5	136	252	464	257	6	1,108	1,472
	EFTA	39	15	3	1	10	77	49	143	70	1	339	410
	EU	905	136	864	711	38	2,163	4,051	6,546	3,174	222	15,935	18,811
	Other FTA	39	4	48	35	0	23	83	90	105	12	301	439
Switzerland	World	1,548	192	2,035	837	87	2,508	5,110	10,105	4,598	275	22,321	27,295
/FL	EFTA	53	0	10	0	0	13	100	35	14	1	162	227
	EU	2,518	697	1,372	1,694	63	8,129	11,357	16,490	11,386	172	47,361	53,877
	Other FTA	175	21	47	8	8	98	228	148	254	0	728	987
EFTA	World	3,685	865	1,770	2,283	105	9,772	13,468	20,925	14,903	221	59,067	67,997
	EFTA	102	16	17	91	11	103	180	246	97	4	625	865
	EU	3,506	847	2,254	2,421	104	10,401	15,595	23,290	14,733	396	64,019	73,546
	Other FTA	215	25	97	44	8	122	315	242	363	12	1,043	1,445
	World	5,371	1,085	3,871	3,242	197	12,416	18,829	31,494	19,758	502	82,497	96,765
<b>1995</b>													
Iceland	EFTA	10	1	3	83	1	16	36	34	15	0	101	199
	EU	94	18	19	22	4	127	221	343	198	3	889	1,047
	Other FTA	2	0	7	2	0	1	6	24	7	0	37	47
Norway	World	168	32	93	127	5	164	297	567	294	4	1,322	1,751
	EFTA	50	23	3	0	11	96	59	187	83	7	425	519
	EU	1,065	159	1,085	794	43	2,683	4,936	8,731	3,631	237	19,981	23,366
	Other FTA	40	6	97	38	0	53	150	115	131	26	449	656
Switzerland	World	1,821	219	2,475	947	108	3,132	6,114	12,317	5,263	310	26,827	32,706
/FL	EFTA	49	0	13	19	4	17	132	31	19	1	199	284
	EU	2,714	832	1,614	1,651	74	9,988	12,996	21,257	12,792	43	57,034	63,963
	Other FTA	174	18	56	8	6	120	286	312	318	0	1,036	1,300
EFTA	World	3,985	1,007	2,069	2,317	118	11,715	15,270	26,795	16,676	199	70,457	80,152
	EFTA	109	24	20	102	15	129	226	252	117	8	724	1,002
	EU	3,873	1,009	2,718	2,467	122	12,798	18,153	30,331	16,621	283	77,904	88,376
	Other FTA	216	24	160	48	7	174	442	450	456	27	1,522	2,003
	World	5,974	1,258	4,637	3,391	231	15,011	21,681	39,680	22,234	513	98,606	114,609

**Table 6 - EFTA COUNTRIES' IMPORTS BY SITC SECTION**

		In million US dollars												
SITC :		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5-8	Total	
<b>1996</b>	<b>Partner</b>													
Iceland	EFTA	10	1	9	120	1	17	52	78	18	0	164	306	
	EU	95	19	16	23	4	137	237	410	208	3	992	1,151	
	Other FTA	3	0	5	1	0	1	7	41	7	-	56	65	
Norway	World	178	34	92	160	6	175	342	732	317	6	1,566	2,042	
	EFTA	61	25	3	0	21	84	56	232	81	2	453	564	
	EU	1,146	140	986	1,345	52	2,639	4,620	9,440	3,703	225	20,402	24,296	
	Other FTA	45	8	46	57	0	55	151	151	143	19	501	676	
Switzerland	World	1,947	219	2,472	1,538	120	3,111	5,826	13,462	5,325	290	27,724	34,309	
/FL	EFTA	47	0	11	0	0	15	109	40	23	1	189	248	
	EU	2,735	865	1,416	1,883	76	10,009	12,189	20,807	12,614	45	55,621	62,641	
	Other FTA	166	24	48	4	3	132	268	303	304	0	1,007	1,253	
EFTA	World	3,971	1,086	1,806	2,807	111	11,705	14,493	26,510	16,704	73	69,412	79,264	
	EFTA	118	25	23	121	23	116	218	350	122	3	806	1,118	
	EU	3,976	1,023	2,419	3,251	131	12,785	17,046	30,658	16,525	273	77,014	88,087	
	Other FTA	215	32	99	62	3	188	427	495	455	19	1,564	1,994	
	World	6,095	1,339	4,370	4,505	236	14,991	20,661	40,703	22,346	368	98,702	115,615	
<b>1997</b>														
Iceland	EFTA	10	1	10	101	2	19	45	74	16	0	154	278	
	EU	93	19	16	18	3	134	232	448	209	2	1,023	1,173	
	Other FTA	3	0	7	1	-	1	9	12	7	-	28	39	
Norway	World	167	34	77	153	6	172	333	756	318	3	1,579	2,019	
	EFTA	69	20	3	0	32	80	47	195	74	4	397	525	
	EU	1,039	147	1,008	977	59	2,585	4,707	9,907	3,670	227	20,869	24,327	
	Other FTA	44	8	61	49	1	31	165	261	182	27	640	830	
Switzerland	World	1,862	229	2,406	1,190	156	3,057	5,981	15,164	5,428	296	29,630	35,768	
/FL	EFTA	42	0	9	0	1	13	111	27	18	0	170	223	
	EU	2,452	782	1,281	2,639	72	10,116	11,382	18,370	11,338	97	51,206	58,529	
	Other FTA	174	20	40	8	3	128	270	282	325	0	1,005	1,249	
EFTA	World	3,600	996	1,660	3,420	102	12,131	14,206	23,972	15,719	154	66,028	75,960	
	EFTA	121	21	22	102	34	113	204	296	108	5	721	1,026	
	EU	3,584	947	2,305	3,633	135	12,835	16,321	28,725	15,217	327	73,098	84,028	
	Other FTA	221	28	108	58	3	160	443	555	514	27	1,673	2,118	
	World	5,629	1,258	4,143	4,764	263	15,360	20,521	39,891	21,466	453	97,238	113,748	

**Table 7 - EFTA COUNTRIES' EXPORTS BY SITC SECTION**

		SITC:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5-8	Total
<b>1994</b>	<b>Partner:</b>													In million US dollars
Norway	EFTA	21	0	1	-	10	0	27	13	2	0	41	74	
	EU	768	4	28	1	19	1	154	16	7	3	179	1,002	
	Other FTA	2	0	0	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	
	World	1,247	8	30	1	32	2	220	66	17	4	305	1,627	
Switzerland /FL	EFTA	54	0	16	106	1	11	75	99	25	23	210	409	
	EU	2,050	28	695	14,657	31	712	3,872	2,383	810	1,793	7,778	27,032	
	Other FTA	87	0	12	291	1	21	54	89	27	63	192	646	
	World	3,003	30	800	17,236	39	1,012	4,844	4,211	1,137	2,432	11,204	34,744	
EFTA	EFTA	23	16	1	0	0	66	48	138	71	0	323	363	
	EU	1,164	249	710	81	13	10,422	8,345	12,403	9,204	71	40,374	42,662	
	Other FTA	42	85	14	1	2	700	689	749	284	0	2,422	2,566	
	World	1,620	514	796	92	18	17,972	11,668	20,832	16,759	89	67,231	70,360	
1995	EFTA	98	17	18	106	11	77	150	249	98	23	574	846	
	EU	3,982	281	1,432	14,739	63	11,135	12,371	14,803	10,022	1,868	48,331	70,696	
	Other FTA	132	86	25	291	4	721	744	838	311	64	2,615	3,216	
	World	5,870	551	1,626	17,329	89	18,986	16,733	25,109	17,913	2,525	78,741	106,730	
Norway	EFTA	29	0	1	0	10	0	39	16	2	1	57	99	
	EU	844	1	33	1	23	10	197	9	8	4	225	1,130	
	Other FTA	4	0	0	-	1	0	2	1	0	-	3	8	
	World	1,320	3	37	1	38	12	278	92	17	5	399	1,803	
Switzerland /FL	EFTA	52	2	19	85	1	12	100	62	28	33	202	393	
	EU	2,228	19	896	16,659	43	962	5,029	3,130	969	2,299	10,089	32,232	
	Other FTA	147	0	21	261	1	36	83	139	30	85	288	803	
	World	3,406	22	1,023	19,735	50	1,302	6,259	5,567	1,328	3,048	14,456	41,740	
EFTA	EFTA	22	23	1	0	0	76	58	177	77	0	388	435	
	EU	1,342	216	899	77	12	13,022	9,580	15,637	9,820	290	48,060	50,896	
	Other FTA	58	111	23	1	5	941	702	1,205	352	0	3,200	3,398	
	World	1,866	545	983	82	20	21,236	12,823	25,673	18,112	301	77,843	81,641	
	EFTA	104	25	21	85	11	88	197	255	106	34	647	927	
	EU	4,413	236	1,829	16,737	77	13,995	14,806	18,776	10,797	2,593	58,373	84,259	
	Other FTA	209	111	44	262	6	977	787	1,345	383	86	3,491	4,209	
	World	6,593	570	2,043	19,818	108	22,550	19,360	31,332	19,456	3,355	92,698	125,184	

**Table 8 - EFTA COUNTRIES' EXPORTS BY SITC SECTION**

		In million US dollars											
SITC : 0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	5-8	Total	
<b>1996</b>	<b>Partner</b>												
Iceland	EFTA	36	0	1	0	18	0	40	10	1	1	51	108
	EU	890	0	28	1	35	7	192	10	9	6	218	1,178
	Other FTA	8	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	4	14
Norway	World	1,385	3	33	1	59	10	281	94	15	17	400	1,897
	EFTA	44	0	20	117	1	13	113	90	42	27	258	467
	EU	2,319	23	798	22,323	42	981	4,812	3,155	1,045	2,144	9,993	37,642
	Other FTA	228	3	20	239	1	46	103	169	41	88	359	937
Switzerland	World	3,731	28	934	26,757	53	1,398	6,091	5,432	1,469	3,062	14,390	48,955
/FL	EFTA	23	26	1	0	0	76	56	219	79	0	430	480
	EU	1,271	239	744	91	12	13,222	8,739	15,370	9,383	75	46,714	49,146
	Other FTA	64	103	24	2	5	1,075	889	1,267	346	1	3,577	3,776
EFTA	World	1,802	541	825	96	20	21,978	12,258	25,691	17,546	87	77,472	80,843
	EFTA	103	26	22	117	19	89	209	319	123	27	740	1,055
	EU	4,480	263	1,571	22,414	90	14,210	13,743	18,535	10,437	2,224	56,925	87,966
	Other FTA	300	106	45	240	6	1,122	995	1,437	386	89	3,940	4,727
	World	6,918	572	1,791	26,855	132	23,386	18,630	31,216	19,030	3,165	92,262	131,695
<b>1997</b>													
Iceland	EFTA	45	0	1	0	30	1	64	14	1	1	81	159
	EU	821	0	25	1	32	6	208	12	10	5	236	1,121
	Other FTA	19	-	0	-	1	0	3	1	0	0	4	24
Norway	World	1,306	2	29	1	66	8	309	103	19	7	439	1,851
	EFTA	43	0	17	99	1	15	117	86	39	25	257	442
	EU	2,218	35	740	21,710	41	948	4,898	3,302	1,003	1,980	10,151	36,875
	Other FTA	243	1	22	251	1	47	138	161	43	87	389	994
Switzerland	World	3,691	39	858	26,114	54	1,435	6,173	5,886	1,437	2,864	14,931	48,550
/FL	EFTA	21	24	1	0	0	63	46	168	66	0	343	390
	EU	1,122	217	769	108	10	12,871	7,955	13,853	8,510	129	43,189	45,545
	Other FTA	77	87	19	6	6	1,074	917	1,266	347	0	3,604	3,799
EFTA	World	1,623	483	847	181	19	21,119	11,666	23,764	16,337	151	72,885	76,188
	EFTA	110	25	19	99	31	79	227	268	106	26	681	991
	EU	4,161	253	1,534	21,819	84	13,826	13,060	17,166	9,524	2,114	53,576	83,541
	Other FTA	339	88	41	257	8	1,122	1,058	1,427	390	87	3,998	4,818
	World	6,620	524	1,734	26,296	139	22,562	18,147	29,754	17,793	3,022	88,255	126,589

**Table 9 - EFTA TRADE 1986 - 1997**

Partner	1986	1994	1995	1996	1997	1986	1994	1995	1996	1997	1986/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	
	In million US dollars					Shares in per cent					Average annual percentage change				
<b>Imports</b>															
EFTA	Iceland	68	76	111	122	165	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	46.9	10.1	34.4	
	Norway	241	403	412	481	399	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	6.7	2.2	16.5	-16.9	
	Switzerland/FL	357	386	478	515	462	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	23.9	7.7	-10.4	
	EFTA4	665	865	1,002	1,118	1,026	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	3.3	15.8	11.6	-8.3	
	Austr., Finl., Swed.	7,421	9,890	12,220	12,497	11,725	11.8	10.2	10.7	10.8	3.7	23.6	2.3	-6.2	
	EFTA7	8,086	10,756	13,222	13,615	12,750	12.9	11.1	11.5	11.8	3.6	22.9	3.0	-6.4	
	EU12	40,717	63,656	76,156	75,590	72,304	65.0	65.8	66.4	65.4	5.7	19.6	-0.7	-4.3	
	EU15	48,138	73,546	88,376	88,087	84,028	76.8	76.0	77.1	76.2	5.4	20.2	-0.3	-4.6	
	Other FTA*	797	1,445	2,003	1,994	2,118	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.7	7.7	38.7	-0.5	6.2	
	Other	13,080	20,909	23,228	24,415	26,576	20.9	21.6	20.3	21.1	6.0	11.1	5.1	8.8	
	World	62,679	96,765	114,609	115,615	113,748	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.6	18.4	0.9	-1.6	
<b>Exports</b>															
EFTA	Iceland	84	213	181	273	236	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	12.4	-14.9	50.8	-13.5	
	Norway	357	394	479	526	475	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.3	21.4	9.9	-9.8	
	Switzerland/FL	186	239	267	255	280	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.2	11.7	-4.5	9.9	
	EFTA4	627	846	927	1,055	991	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	3.8	9.5	13.8	-6.0	
	Austr., Finl., Swed.	4,768	8,310	10,013	9,979	9,322	8.4	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.2	20.5	-0.3	-6.6	
	EFTA7	5,395	9,157	10,940	11,034	10,313	9.5	8.6	8.7	8.4	6.8	19.5	0.9	-6.5	
	EU12	33,062	62,386	74,246	77,987	74,219	58.1	58.5	59.3	59.2	58.6	8.3	19.0	5.0	-4.8
	EU15	37,830	70,696	84,259	87,966	83,541	66.4	66.2	67.3	66.8	66.0	8.1	19.2	4.4	-5.0
	Other FTA*	1,704	3,216	4,209	4,727	4,818	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.8	8.3	30.9	12.3	1.9
	Other	16,777	31,972	35,789	37,947	37,239	29.5	30.0	28.6	28.8	29.4	8.4	11.9	6.0	-1.9
	World	56,938	106,730	125,184	131,695	126,589	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	8.2	17.3	5.2	-3.9	
<b>Imports + Exports</b>															
EFTA	Iceland	151	289	292	396	401	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	90.7	1.3	35.3	1.3	
	Norway	598	798	891	1,007	874	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	33.5	11.7	13.0	-13.2	
	Switzerland/FL	543	625	745	770	742	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	15.2	19.2	3.3	-3.6	
	EFTA4	1,292	1,712	1,929	2,173	2,017	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	32.5	12.7	12.6	-7.2
	Austr., Finl., Swed.	12,189	18,200	22,233	22,476	21,047	10.2	8.9	9.3	9.1	8.8	49.3	22.2	1.1	-6.4
	EFTA7	13,480	19,912	24,162	24,649	23,064	11.3	9.8	10.1	10.0	9.6	47.7	21.3	2.0	-6.4
	EU12	73,779	126,042	150,402	153,577	146,523	61.7	61.9	62.7	62.1	61.0	70.8	19.3	2.1	-4.6
	EU15	85,968	144,242	172,635	176,054	167,569	71.9	70.9	72.0	71.2	69.7	67.8	19.7	2.0	-4.8
	Other FTA*	2,501	4,660	6,213	6,721	6,936	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.9	86.3	33.3	8.2	3.2
	Other	29,857	52,881	59,017	62,362	63,815	25.0	26.0	24.6	25.2	26.6	77.1	11.6	5.7	2.3
	World	119,618	203,495	239,793	247,310	240,337	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	70.1	17.8	3.1	-2.8	

Source: UN COMTRADE

\* In 1986: Czechia and Slovakia are replaced by the former Czechoslovakia, Slovenia and the Baltic States are included in "Other"