

NORWAY- FAROE ISLANDS (GOODS)
Summary Fact Sheet
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Table 1: Background Information

Parties	Government of Norway, Government of Denmark and Home Government of the Faroe Islands	
Date of signature	28 August 1992	
Date of entry into force	1 July 1993	
Transition period for full implementation	1 July 1993	
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List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG25/N/1 WT/REG25/1 WT/REG25/2 WT/REG25/3 WT/REG25/3/Corr.1 WT/REG25/M/1	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Standard Format Standard Format – Corr Summary Records.

Table 2: Internal trade liberalization provisions

Import and export duties and charges	Article 3--Customs duties on imports and exports, and any charges having equivalent effect, are prohibited between the Parties. Annex 5 contains provisions for the abolition of customs duties of a fiscal nature in the Faroe Islands from 1 January 1993.
Non-tariff measures	Article 5 Elimination of quantitative restrictions as of date of entry into force. The restrictions which came under the exceptions of Annex 6 were abolished on a MFN-basis by Norway from 1 January 1994. Article 9 (Internal Taxation)
Sector-specific rules	Article 7 (Agricultural Products)--the Parties declare their readiness to foster, in so far as their agricultural policies allow, harmonious development of trade in agricultural products and to conclude an Arrangement to facilitate trade in agricultural products between them. Article 6 (Petroleum Products)-- the Parties reserve their rights to take special measures regarding trade in petroleum products.
Product exclusions	Products listed in Annex 1 and agricultural products not covered in Protocol C. Industrial products (HS 25-97) under HS headings 3501, 3502 and 3505 are excluded from the agreement (Annex 1). Agricultural products (under HS 1-24) not covered by the bilateral agreement on trade in agricultural products between Norway and the Faroe Islands are excluded. The Annex 1 list reflects the trade and the concessions requested at that time. According to Annex 2 sheep and goat meat and other products containing meat of sheep and goats, and as well milk and milk products of HS headings 0401 – 0403, are excluded. The product tables are not completely updated to HS 2007.

Table 3: Common External Tariff

Provisions	Not applicable
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Table 4: General trade-related provisions

Provision	Relevant Article(s)	Additional Information
Rules of Origin	Annex 3	The origin rules are in line with the Common Declaration with Regard to Preferential Rules of Origin contained in Annex II to

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		<p>the Agreement on Rules of Origin as set out in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round. The relevant provisions on the definition of the concept 'originating products' are contained in Title II of Annex 3. The origin provisions allow for cumulation with materials from all EFTA States.</p> <p>Through a decision by the Joint Committee, the rules of origin were updated to the model of the Pan-European rules in 2001. On 1 December 2005, the origin rules were further changed into the most recent Pan-Euro-Med model, agreed between the countries concerned</p>
Standards-related measures	None	
SPS measures	Article 7	Parties shall apply their regulations in veterinary, health and plant health matters in a non-discriminatory fashion and shall not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.
Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Articles 20-23	The Agreement contains provisions relating to emergency action on imports of particular products, re-export and serious shortage, and balance-of-payments difficulties. The procedures for the application of safeguard measures are laid down in Article 23.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Articles 19 and 23	The Parties may only take anti-dumping measures in accordance with the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT and with the procedures in Article 23.
Subsidies and state aid	Annex 7, Articles 16 and 23	Any public aid granted which threatens to distort competition in trade between the Parties is considered incompatible with the proper functioning of the Agreement. Appropriate measures against practices contrary to Article 16 may be taken in accordance with the procedures for implementation of appropriate measures against such practices in Article 23.
Customs-related procedures	Annex 4	
IPR	Article 17	The Parties shall co-operate with the aim of gradually improving the non-discriminatory protection of intellectual property rights, including measures for the grant and enforcement of such rights. Level of protection will be similar to that prevailing in the member states of the European Communities and of the European Free Trade Association.
Government procurement	Article 18	Upon entry into force of the Agreement, the Parties shall grant each others' companies access to contract award procedures on their respective public procurement markets. The Parties shall progressively develop and adjust the rules, conditions and practices governing the participation in public procurement contracts to ensure free access and transparency, and non discrimination between potential suppliers from the Parties.
Competition	Articles 14-15	Agreements or undertakings which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition in the production of, or trade in, goods are incompatible with the workings of the Agreement. The Parties shall ensure that any public monopoly of a commercial character in either country, be adjusted so that no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed will exist
Investment	None	
General exceptions	Article 6, Article 11 and Article 12	<p>Parties reserved their rights to take special measures regarding trade in petroleum products.</p> <p>General exceptions - Measures to <i>inter alia</i> protect public morals, health, imports or exports of gold or silver, public security, , animals or plants, of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value etc.</p>

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		Security exceptions
Accession	None	There are no provisions governing accession.
Dispute resolution	Article 24	There are no dispute settlement provisions contained in the Agreement. However, there is a Consultation Mechanism, whereby Parties shall, whenever necessary, exchange information and hold consultations. The Parties may also decide that the implementation of the Agreement shall be supervised and administered by a Joint Committee consisting of their representatives
Relation with other trade agreements	Preamble	None of the provisions of the Agreement are to be interpreted as exempting the Parties from the obligations under other international agreements. The Parties resolved to eliminate obstacles in all their trade, in accordance with the provisions of the GATT concerning the establishment of free trade areas.
Institutional provisions	Article 24	The implementation of the Agreement shall be supervised and administered by a Joint Committee of representatives of the Parties. The Joint Committee can set up sub-committees and working parties and may decide to amend the Annexes.

Table 5a: Trade and tariff Data (Norway's imports from the Faroe Islands)
Nkr million

Sector	1992		1996	
	Total	Percent covered	Total	Percent covered
Agriculture (Total)	0	..	0	..
Industrial Products (Total)	67.6	..	50.7	..
Fish (Total)	16.9	..	98.2	..
Total	84.6	86%	141.8	95.6%

.. Not available

Table 5b: Trade and tariff Data (Faroe Island imports from Norway)
Nkr million

Sector	1992		1996	
	Total	Percent covered	Total	Percent covered
Agriculture (Total)	97.1	..	126.1	..
Industrial Products (Total)	263.6	..	253.3	..
Fish (Total)	10.5	..	14.9	..
Total	371.4	100%	344.7	100%

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