

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ACCESSION OF ICELAND TO THE CONVENTION  
ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association.

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On behalf of the member States of EFTA and Finland, and also at the request of the Government of Iceland, I have the honour to inform you that it has been agreed that Iceland shall accede to the Convention establishing the European Free Trade Association, and to the Agreement creating an association between the member States of EFTA and the Republic of Finland.

In pursuance of Article XXIV 7(a) of the General Agreement, I send you attached copies of the Decision by which the EFTA Council on 4 December 1969 approved the terms and conditions of the accession of Iceland. The Decision will enter into force when all member States have notified me that their affirmative vote has been approved in conformity with their constitutional requirements.

The Convention and the Agreement will enter into force in relation to Iceland on 1 March 1970; or  
thirty days after the entry into force of the Decision; or  
thirty days after Iceland has deposited its instrument of accession,  
whichever is the latest.

I would like to add that during the negotiations the Nordic countries agreed to accept further limited supplies of lamb and mutton from Iceland.

I take this opportunity of assuring you of the wish of the Governments concerned to co-operate fully with the CONTRACTING PARTIES in any examination of the terms and conditions governing Iceland's accession to the free trade areas of EFTA and FINEFTA. As soon as it is known to me, I shall not fail to inform you of the date of entry into force of the accession.

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The text of the Decision is being circulated to contracting parties.

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