

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EFTA STATES AND MEXICO**

Notification Pursuant to Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994  
and Article V:7(a) of the GATS

The following joint communication, dated 25 July 2001, has been received from the EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) and Mexico with the request that it be circulated to the WTO Members.

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The delegations of the EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), and of Mexico have the honour to inform the Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that an Agreement establishing a free-trade area for trade in goods, in the sense of Article XXIV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), and for trade in services, in the sense of Article V of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), was signed between the aforementioned Parties in Mexico City on 27 November 2000.

The Agreement<sup>1</sup> entered into effect on 1 July 2000 with respect to Norway, Mexico, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, and is expected to enter into force later this year with respect to Iceland.

The Parties to the Agreement will submit separately more detailed background information on the Agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Agreement will be circulated in document WT/REG126/1.