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EFTA information from 10.12.2018: Full implementation of the agreement by the Philippines

The EFTA States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, signed a free trade agreement with the Philippines in Bern, Switzerland, on 28 April 2016.

The EFTA-Philippines Free Trade Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2018 for the Philippines, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Due to pending internal issues, the Philippines' customs authorities were not in a position to apply the tariff commitments under the Agreement upon entry into force of the EFTA-Philippines Free Trade Agreement. On 10 December 2018, the Philippines confirmed that their internal procedures are concluded and the EFTA-Philippines Free Trade Agreement has been fully implemented since 24 October 2018.

With regard to the retroactive reimbursement of customs duties unduly levied after the entry into force of the EFTA-Philippines Free Trade Agreement on 1 June 2018, EFTA is in close contact with the Philippines.

<http://www.efta.int/free-trade/free-trade-agreements/philippines>