DECISION No 2/2012 OF THE EU-EFTA JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF FORMALITIES IN TRADE IN GOODS

of 19 January 2012

concerning an invitation to Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods

(2012/223/EU)

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods [1] ('the Convention'), and in particular Article 11(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In preparing the enlargement of the European Union to Turkey, the exchange of goods with Turkey would be facilitated by a simplification of formalities which affect the trade in goods between Turkey and the European Union, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation.

(2) With a view to achieving such facilitation, it is appropriate to invite Turkey to accede to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 11a of the Convention, Turkey is invited, in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Council of the European Union and Turkey annexed to this Decision, to accede to the Convention as from 1 July 2012.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2012.

For the Joint Committee
The President
Mirosław ZIELIŃSKI

[1] OJ L 134, 22.5.1987, p. 2.

ANNEX

LETTER No 1

Communication of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee to invite Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods of 19 January 2012 (Decision No 2/2012) inviting Turkey to become a Contracting Party to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods.

The accession of Turkey to the Convention may be effected by lodging its Instrument of Accession with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union together with a translation of the Convention in the official language of Turkey, in accordance with Article 11a of the Convention.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

The General Secretary
General Secretariat of the
Council of the European Union

LETTER No 2

Instrument of Accession of Turkey to the Convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods

Turkey,

Taking note of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods of 19 January 2012 (Decision No 2/2012) inviting Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods ('the Convention'),

Desiring to become a Contracting Party to the Convention,

HEREBY

Accedes to the Convention;

Attaches to this Instrument a translation of the Convention in the official language of Turkey;

Declares that it accepts all the Recommendations and Decisions of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods adopted between 19 January 2012 and the date that the Accession of Turkey becomes effective in accordance with Article 11a of the Convention.

Done at …