

DECISION No 1/2012 OF THE EU-EFTA JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF FORMALITIES IN TRADE IN GOODS

of 19 January 2012

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

(2012/221/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) The exchange of goods with Croatia would be facilitated by a simplification of formalities which affect the trade in goods between Croatia 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 Croatia to accede to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 11a of the Convention, Croatia is invited, in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Council of the European Union and Croatia 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 Croatia 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 1/2012) inviting Croatia to become a Contracting Party to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods.

The accession of Croatia 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 Croatia, 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 Croatia to the Convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods**

Croatia,

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 1/2012) inviting Croatia 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 Croatia;

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 Croatia becomes effective in accordance with Article 11a of the Convention.

Done at ...