DECISION OF THE JOINT EFTA-CHILE COMMITTEE

No. 3 of 2006

(Adopted on 31 January 2006)

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 OF ANNEX I
CONCERNING DIRECT TRANSPORT

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

With the aim of enhancing the opportunities created by the trade liberalisation under the Agreement,

Having regard to Article 85 (5) of the Agreement, empowering the Joint Committee to amend the Annexes of the Agreement, subject to the provisions set out in Annex XV,

DECIDES:

1. To replace Article 12 of Annex I to the Agreement with the following text:

   “Article 12

   Direct transport

   1. The preferential treatment provided for under the Agreement applies only to products, satisfying the requirements of this Annex, which are transported directly between an EFTA State and Chile. However, products may be transported through territories of non-Parties with, should the occasion arise, trans-shipment or temporary warehousing, provided that they do not undergo operations other than unloading, reloading, splitting-up of consignments or any operation designed to preserve them in good condition. The products shall remain under customs control in the country of transit.
2. The importer shall upon request supply appropriate evidence to the customs authorities of the importing Party that the conditions set out in paragraph 1 have been fulfilled.”

2. The Decision shall enter into force on the first day of the first month after Chile, Norway and Switzerland have notified that their internal requirements have been fulfilled.

3. The Secretary-General of the European Free Trade Association shall deposit the text of this Decision with the Depositary.

Signed in Geneva on 31 January 2006 in two originals.

For the Republic of Chile

For the Republic of Iceland

For the Principality of Liechtenstein

For the Kingdom of Norway

For the Swiss Confederation