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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LATVIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Communication from the European Communities

The European Communities have the honour to inform the members of the WTO and the Contracting Parties to GATT 1947 that a Free Trade Agreement between Latvia and the European Communities came into force on 1 January 1995.¹

The Free Trade Agreement contains provisions relating to trade in goods that are of relevance to the members of the WTO and other signatories of the Final Act.

The objective of the Free Trade Agreement is to gradually establish a free-trade area between the European Communities and Latvia in the sense of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994. This free-trade area will be established over a maximum period of four years at the end of which duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce will have been eliminated on substantially all trade between the signatories.

¹The text of the Agreement is circulated in document WT/REG7/1.