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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/685

of 27 March 2025

on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2023/2577 ⁽²⁾, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union (the 'Agreement') was signed on behalf of the Union on 14 November 2024, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The objective of the Agreement is to amend the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union ⁽³⁾ signed on 17 December 2020 in relation to the volume of three tariff-rate quotas, and to provide for the apportionment of the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union, pursuant to Article XXVIII of GATT 1994.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (the 'Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the Union ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Consent of 12 March 2025 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2023/2577 of 9 November 2023 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement of the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (OJ L, 2023/2577, 15.11.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2577/oj>).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 181, 21.5.2021, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ The text of the Agreement is published in OJ L, 2025/684, 4.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/2025/684/oj.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in the Agreement ⁽⁵⁾.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2025.

For the Council

The President

P. HENNIG-KLOSKA

⁽⁵⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.