COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/1115

of 24 July 2020

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, as regards the adoption of amendments to Protocols 1 and 4 to the Agreement

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part ('the Agreement'), was concluded by the European Community, by means of Council Decision 97/126/EC ([1]), and entered into force on 1 January 1997.

(2) Pursuant to Article 34 of the Agreement, the Joint Committee established under Article 31 of the Agreement ('the Joint Committee') may amend the provisions of the Protocols to the Agreement.

(3) Following negotiations, the Union and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands have agreed to amend certain provisions of the Protocols to the Agreement, namely, Protocol 1, concerning the tariff treatment and arrangements applicable to certain fish and fishery products released for free circulation in the Community or imported into the Faroes, and Protocol 4, concerning the special provisions applicable to imports of certain agricultural products other than those listed in Protocol 1. Those amendments aim at broadening the scope of market access for both Parties in selected products.

(4) The Joint Committee is to adopt a decision regarding the amendments to Protocols 1 and 4.

(5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committee, as regards the adoption of the amendments to Protocols 1 and 4, as the decision amending those Protocols will be binding on the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Sole Article

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Joint Committee regarding amendments to Protocols 1 and 4 to the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, shall be based on the draft decision of the Joint Committee ([2]).

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH

([1]) Council Decision 97/126/EC of 6 December 1996 concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 53, 22.2.1997, p. 1).

([2]) See Document ST 9385/20 on http://register.consilium.europa.eu