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Dear Sir/Madam,

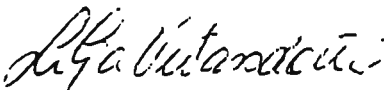
Subject: CLOSURE OF A CASE CONCERNING BASIC TAX ON ONE-WAY PACKAGING ON BEVERAGES

The Authority has on 14 November 1996 delivered a reasoned opinion in a case regarding the Norwegian Parliament's Decision on a Basic Tax on One-way Packaging of Beverages basing itself on Article 14 of the EEA Agreement.

Thereafter the case has been further assessed by the Authority, in particular in the light of the evolution of EEA law and the policies of the European Commission, upon which it has concluded that the Norwegian measure is not contrary to the EEA Agreement and the objective of establishing a homogeneous EEA.

The Authority has therefore on 26 May 1999 decided not to proceed with the case.

Yours faithfully,



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Director

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