

Draft agreed minutes on the renewal of an EU-Norway bilateral fish protocol

It has been agreed to renew the 2004-2009 EC-Norway fish protocol, as consolidated in 2007, for the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2014, increasing the tariff quota for frozen peeled shrimp by 2500 tonnes and introducing a new tariff quota of 3000 tonnes of "semi-processed" herring, the latter with the possibility of an annual increase of 1000 tonnes up to a maximum of 6000 tonnes, conditional upon the utilisation rate.

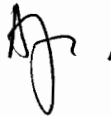
There will be no other changes in the new protocol in comparison to the previous one other than what is necessary for implementation of the protocol.

Consequently Norway will continue to implement the arrangement on transit of fish and fisheries products through Norway to the Community.

The protocol will take the form of an additional protocol to the EC-Norway bilateral Free Trade Agreement.

Special provisions will ensure that the effective value of the tariff quotas shall not be reduced because of the delay of the entry into force.

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