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The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting on behalf of the Government of Norway in its capacity as Depositary of the *Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and MERCOSUR,* done at Rio de Janeiro on 16 September 2025, presents its compliments to the Signatory States and has the honour to communicate that on 8 July 2026, Brazil deposited its instrument of ratification of the Agreement.

As previously communicated, Iceland deposited its instrument of ratification of the Agreement on 20 May 2026.

According to its Article 16.5, paragraph 2, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the date on which at least one EFTA State and one MERCOSUR State have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary. The Agreement shall therefore enter into force on 1 October 2026 between Brazil and Iceland.

In relation to an EFTA State or a MERCOSUR State depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval after the date on which at least one

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EFTA State and a MERCOSUR State have deposited their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument, according to Article 16.5, paragraph 3, of the Agreement.

According to Article 16.5, paragraph 4, a State Party may apply this Agreement provisionally, subject to its domestic legal requirements. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary. The provisional application shall begin:

a) for an EFTA State, on the first day of the third month following the date of its notification to the Depositary, provided that at least one MERCOSUR State has notified its intention to apply this Agreement provisionally or deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval; and

b) for a MERCOSUR State, on the first day of the third month following the date of its notification to the Depositary, provided that at least one EFTA State has notified its intention to apply this Agreement provisionally or deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Signatory States the assurance of its highest consideration.

Oslo, 10 July 2026