

Frihandelsavtale mellom EFTA-statene og Filippinene

On the 1st of June 2018, the free trade agreement between the EFTA member states and the Philippines entered into force. The agreement will establish free trade for most seafood products, and the agreement will also establish a set of rules which will simplify the trade in seafood products between the signatories.

Reduced tariffs

- After the agreement entered into force, tariffs were reduced or eliminated for most seafood products.
- Some seafood products will be subject to gradually reduced tariffs over a period of six years.

Eksempler



	Pre-agreement	Post-agreement
Fresh, whole Salmon	7 %	0
Frozen, whole Salmon	7 %	0
Frozen, whole Trout	7 %	0
Frozen, whole Mackerel	5 %	0
Frozen, whole Cod	7 %	0
Smoked Salmon	10 %	Gradual reduction
Coldwater Shrimp	15 %	Gradual reduction
Crab	15 %	Gradual reduction

Special provisions regarding seafood trade

- Seafood imports to the Philippines has been subject to import licenses for many years.
- An appendix to the free trade agreement, containing provisions regarding application processing time and appellate procedures, ensures both legal protection and predictability for the seafood trade between Norway and the Philippines.

Health and food safety

- The free trade agreement contains a special chapter regarding Veterinary, and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures, which are aimed at alleviating certain challenges related to the trade in seafood.
- The chapter contains provisions pertaining to inspections, certification systems, system audits, certificates and import checks and ensures low threshold consultation mechanisms, as well as the possibility to review the chapter in the future. Health certificates issued by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet) are now accepted, without requiring further review or attestation.

Liberal rules of origin

- The rules of origin agreed upon in the free trade agreement between the EFTA-states and the Philippines, are very liberal.
- This means that seafood imported from third party nations, which are subsequently processed in Norway, are eligible for Norwegian origin under the rules of origin contained in the agreement.



Hvordan bruke frihandelsavtalen?

- For å nyte godt av frihandelsavtalens preferansebehandling av sjømat fra Norge, må det dokumenteres norsk opprinnelse.
- For eksport til Filippinene gis slik dokumentasjon i form av en opprinnelseserklæring, direkte på fakturaen

EFTA

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) was established in 1960, and charged with the task of promoting free trade and economic cooperation.

Today, the EFTA consists of Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Together with the other EFTA member states, Norway has completed 27 free trade agreements with a combined total of 38 partner nations.

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