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Information concerning excise duty on chocolate and sugar

Reference is made to videoconference 7. December 2017 between the EFTA Surveillance Authority (the Authority) and Norwegian authorities concerning the excise duty on chocolate and sugar products and its compliance with the EEA agreement.

Please find attached information from the Royal Ministry of Finance (the Ministry) concerning the excise duty on chocolate and sugar. It is the Ministry's position that the measure does not constitute state aid according to art 61(1) of the EEA agreement.

Even though the Ministry does not consider the measure to constitute state aid, the Norwegian authorities has, in light of the principle of loyal cooperation embedded in the EEA Agreement, decided to inform the Authority about the measure.

The information in the Ministry's letter is shared with the Authority in order to foster good cooperation and trust between the Authority and the Norwegian authorities, and under the normal precondition of confidentiality at this stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

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