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# Free Trade Agreement between the Faroe Islands and the European Union

## Joint report on the 18th Joint Committee Meeting

Norðragøta, Faroe Islands, 9 October 2019

The 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee meeting between the Faroe Islands and the EU was hosted by the Faroe Islands and held in Norðragøta on 9 October 2019. The meeting was chaired by Ms Kate Sanderson, Head of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture. The delegation of the European Union was headed by Mr Petros Sourmelis, Head of Unit in TRADE E2, European Commission.

The Joint Committee considered proposals for amendments to specific aspects of the Agreement, and agreed to recommend the following:

- The inclusion of frozen and preserved sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) in the Annex to Protocol 1 of the Agreement, with 0 rate of duty;
- The inclusion in Protocol 4, Article 2 of a tariff quota of 40 tonnes of sheep meat from the EU to the Faroe Islands, increasing to 80 tons after three years;
- The removal of the restriction on added gluten in fish feed exported from the Faroe Islands to the EU (Protocol 4, Article 1).

A decision reflecting the agreement reached during the Joint Committee meeting will be finalised between the Parties as soon as possible, with the view to its earliest possible adoption according to the respective procedures.

In addition, the Joint Committee had a constructive and fruitful exchange of views on other issues related to the present functioning and future strengthening of bilateral trade relations between the Faroe Islands and the European Union.