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## EC-CHILE INTERIM AGREEMENT

### Notification from the Parties

The following joint communication, dated 3 February 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegations of the European Communities and of Chile.

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### Notification Pursuant To Article XXIV:7(a) Of GATT 1994

The Permanent Delegations of the European Communities and the Permanent Mission of Chile to the WTO have the honour to inform the Members of the WTO of the provisional application of certain provisions of the Association Agreement between the European Community and Chile which was signed on 18 November 2002. This provisional application includes provisions relating to trade in goods that are of relevance to the Members of the WTO.

The provisional application of certain provisions of the Association Agreement *inter alia* establish a free trade area between the European Community and Chile in the sense of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994. These provisions entered into force on 1 February 2003.<sup>1</sup>

The joint notification is presented to the Council for Trade in Goods pursuant to part (a) of paragraph 7 of Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT 1994.

Article 198(3) of the Association Agreement identifies the articles that entered into force on 1 February 2003.

The European Community and Chile wish to express their willingness to the process of examination in accordance with the procedures agreed upon in the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Association Agreement will be circulated in document WT/REG164/1.