

Article 15

1. In addition to the cooperation provided for in Articles 11 (2) and 17 (8), the administrative authorities of the Contracting Parties responsible for implementing the provisions of this Agreement shall assist each other in other cases so as to ensure compliance with the provisions.

2. Arrangements for the application of paragraph 1 shall be determined by the Joint Committee referred to in Article 17.

Article 16

The Agreement shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security, the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants, the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value, the protection of industrial or commercial property or controls relating to gold and silver. Such prohibitions or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the Contracting Parties.

Article 17

1. A Joint Committee shall be set up with responsibility for administering this Agreement and ensuring that it is properly implemented. To that end, it shall formulate recommendations. It shall take decisions in the cases provided for in the Agreement. The decisions shall be executed by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their own regulations.

2. With a view to the proper performance of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall carry out exchanges of information and, at the request of either party, shall consult together in the Joint Committee.

3. The Joint Committee shall draw up its own rules of procedure.

4. The Joint Committee shall be composed, on the one hand, of representatives of the Community and, on the other, of representatives of the Principality of Andorra.

5. The Joint Committee shall take decisions by common accord.

6. The Joint Committee shall be chaired by each of the Contracting Parties in turn in accordance with the arrangements to be laid down in its rules of procedure.

7. The Joint Committee shall meet at the request of either of the Contracting Parties, to be lodged at least one month before the date of the intended meeting. Where the Joint

Committee is convened under Article 10, it shall meet within eight working days from the date on which the request is lodged.

8. In accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1, the Joint Committee shall determine methods of administrative cooperation for the purposes of applying Articles 3 and 4, taking as a basis the methods adopted by the Community in respect of trade between the Member States; it may also amend provisions in the Appendix, referred to in Article 11.

Article 18

1. Any disputes arising between the Contracting Parties over the interpretation of the Agreement shall be put before the Joint Committee.

2. If the Joint Committee does not succeed in settling the dispute at its next meeting, each Party may notify the other of the designation of an arbitrator; the other Party shall then be required to designate a second arbitrator within two months.

The Joint Committee shall designate a third arbitrator.

The arbitrator's decisions shall be taken by a majority vote.

Each Party involved in the dispute shall be required to take the measures needed to ensure the application of the arbitrator's decision.

Article 19

In trade covered by this Agreement:

- the arrangements applied by the Principality of Andorra *vis-à-vis* the Community may not give rise to any discrimination between the Member States, their nationals or their companies,
- the arrangements applied by the Community *vis-à-vis* the Principality of Andorra may not give rise to any discrimination between Andorran nationals or companies.

TITLE IV

General and final provisions

Article 20

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited duration. Within five years of its entry into force, the two Parties shall begin consultations to examine the results of its application and, if necessary, to open negotiations on its amendment in the light of that examination.

Article 21

Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Contracting Party in writing. In that case, the Agreement shall cease to have effect six months after the date of such notification.

Article 22

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other, to the territory of the Principality of Andorra.

Article 23

Annexes I and II and the Appendix to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 24

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 1990, on condition that the Contracting Parties have notified each other before that date of the completion of the procedures necessary to that effect.

2. After the date provided for in paragraph 1, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following notification.

3. If paragraph 2 applies, the date 1 January 1991 contained in various provisions of this Agreement shall be replaced by the date 1 July 1991.

Article 25

The provisions of this Agreement shall replace those applied by the Community, and in particular by France and Spain, prior to the Agreement's entry into force, under the 1967 Exchange of Letters with the Principality of Andorra.

Article 26

This Agreement is drawn up in two originals in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Catalan languages, each text being equally authentic.