

Article 6

Unification and/or harmonization of customs procedures

1. The Contracting Parties will take measures for a maximum simplification and unification of customs formalities, in particular, by introducing single forms of customs and goods accompanying documentation, being guided by current international agreements and arrangements.
2. The Contracting Parties will instruct their competent bodies to develop proposals concerning the harmonization of customs procedures and a mutual admission of customs documents and customs sealing or fixing identification marks.

Article 7

Goods nomenclature

1. In implementing measures of tariff and non-tariff regulation, maintaining statistical accounting and exchanging statistical information, as well as for customs control and clearance, the Contracting Parties will apply Goods Nomenclatures of foreign economic activity based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. And for their own needs the Contracting Parties shall, if necessary, carry out further development of national goods nomenclatures.
2. The Russian Federation shall carry out the maintenance of a standard copy of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System through the existing representative offices in relevant international organizations, until other Contracting Parties declare their independent maintenance of the standard copy.

Article 8

Domestic taxes and other fiscal levies

1. The Contracting Parties will not directly or indirectly impose taxes and fiscal levies on goods originating in customs territory of other Contracting Parties in the amount exceeding their level for national goods.
2. The Contracting Parties will present full information on all current taxes and other fiscal levies.

Article 9

Subsidies

The Contracting Parties have agreed not to provide export and other subsidies to the enterprises located on their territories if as a result of providing such subsidies terms and conditions of fair competition are violated.

Article 10

Transit

1. The Contracting Parties agree that the observance of the principle of free transit is the most important condition for achieving the objectives of this Agreement and an essential element of the process of attaching them to the system of international division of labour and cooperation.
2. Transit transportation should not be subject to groundless delays or restrictions.
3. Conditions for transit including tariffs on transportation by any kind of transport and rendering services should not be worse than the conditions provided by the Contracting Parties for their own consignors and consignees and for their goods, as well as for carriers and vehicles for this Contracting Party, or provided to consignors, consignees, their goods, carriers and vehicles of any other foreign State, unless otherwise provided by bilateral agreements.

Article 11

Re-exportation

1. No Contracting Party will permit a non-sanctioned re-exportation of goods for export of which other Contracting Parties, on the territory of which these goods originate, shall apply measures of tariff and/or non-tariff regulation.
2. The Contracting Parties will not prevent business entities from including into contracts provisions affecting re-exportation of goods.
3. The issues concerning re-exportation of goods shall be regulated in compliance with the Agreement on Re-exportation of Goods and Procedure of Granting a Permit for Re-exportation (Annex II) which is integral part of this Agreement.

Article 12

Production cooperation and scientific technical cooperation

The Contracting Parties will further the development of production cooperation and scientific technical cooperation on the interstate (inter-branch, regional) level and on the level of business entities, as well as by providing different forms of state support.

Article 13

Exceptions

General Exceptions

1. This Agreement shall not hamper the right of any of the Contracting Parties to accept measures of state regulation in the area of foreign economic relations generally accepted in international practice, that it considers necessary for the protection of its vital interests or which are undoubtedly necessary for the implementation of international agreements of which it is a signatory or is intended to become a signatory, if these measures concern:
 - protection of public moral and order;
 - protection of life and health of people;

- protection of animals and plants;
- protection of environment;
- protection of artistic, archeological and historical values which are national treasure/property;
- protection of industrial and intellectual property;
- trade in gold, silver or other precious metals and stones;
- preservation of exhaustible natural resources;
- limitations of products export if domestic prices for them are lower than the world prices as a result of implementation of State support programmes;
- violation of balance-of-payments.

Exceptions for the reasons of safety

2. Nothing in this Agreement shall hamper the right of any of the Contracting Parties to accept any measures of state regulation that it considers necessary, if these measures concern:

- ensuring national security, including the prevention of leakage of confidential information that relates to a State's secret;
- trade in weapons, military equipment and ammunitions and rendering military services, transfer of technologies and rendering services for the production of arms and military equipment, and for other military purposes;
- delivery of fissionable materials and sources of radio-active substances, utilisation of radio-active wastes;
- measures applied in military time or under other extraordinary circumstances in international relations;
- actions for the fulfilment of obligations on the basis of the UN's Charter to preserve the international peace and safety.

Article 14

The procedure of introducing measures of state regulation

1. The Contracting Party shall in advance notify other Contracting Parties about the reasons, nature and expected terms of introduction and validity of measures of state regulation.

2. The Contracting Parties shall conduct preliminary consultations and shall work out recommendations. In the event that it is impossible to make an agreed decision within a 6-monthly period, the Contracting Party mentioned in paragraph 1 hereof shall have the right to introduce measures of state regulation as it thinks best.

3. In specific cases which brook no delay, the Contracting Party shall have the right to introduce measures of state regulation in the area of foreign economic activity, notifying at the same time and subsequently and immediately conducting consultations with other Contracting Parties.

Article 15

Cooperation in the area of export control

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate and carry out agreed actions in the issues of export control.