

Article 20

Correlation of this agreement with other obligations and rights of the contracting parties

1. Nothing in this Agreement can be considered as something that prevents any of the Contracting Parties from fulfilling the taken obligations in compliance with any other international agreement of which this Contracting Party is a signatory or may be a signatory, provided these obligations do not contradict the provisions and objectives of this Agreement.
2. The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and advantages provided within the framework of a regional cooperation, frontier and coastal trade, preferences, free economic and customs areas regulated by domestic legislation or on the basis of international agreements.
3. The Contracting Party that intends to conclude preferential trade and integration agreements with Non-Member States of this Agreement shall in advance notify other Contracting Parties about this and shall inform them of expected conditions of its participation in the mentioned agreements.
4. For the purpose of this paragraph, the Contracting Parties shall be the Contracting Parties who signed this Agreement and the States that joined it.

Article 21

Transition to a customs union

A free-trade area shall be considered a transitional stage to the formation of a customs union.

A customs union can be created by the States which will express their desire to continue cooperation within its framework and will fulfill the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Article 22

Amendments and supplements

1. This Agreement may be supplemented and amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.
2. Reservations to this Agreement shall not be permitted.

Article 23

Entry into force

1. This Agreement is temporarily applied on the day it is signed and shall come into force on the date of giving a depositary a third notification on the fulfilment by the signatory Contracting Parties of all necessary interstate procedures.
2. The Republic of Belarus is the depositary of this Agreement.
3. Upon the expiration of one year from the date of signing of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties for which the Agreement has come into force may take a decision regarding the participation in the Agreement of the Contracting parties for which the Agreement is temporarily applied.