- (b) Having been processed on the territory of Contracting Parties by utilizing raw materials and components of third country origin, whose classification under the Harmonized System of Commodity Description and Coding changed in at least one of the first four digits due to this processing;
- (c) Produced with the use of raw materials and components listed in "b" above provided that their total cost does not exceed a fixed proportion of the export price of commodities sold.

Detailed rules on establishing commodity origins shall be coordinated by Contracting Parties and included in a document that shall become an integral part of this Agreement.

#### Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall not:

- directly or indirectly impose any internal taxes or charges on commodities covered by this Agreement, in excess of corresponding taxes and charges imposed on similar commodities of domestic production or of third country origin;
- apply any special limitations or conditions to commodities covered by this Agreement, in excess of limitations or conditions applied under similar circumstances to similar commodities of domestic production or of third country origin;
- apply rules to warehousing, reloading, storage, and transportation of goods that originating from the territory of the other Contracting Party, as well as to payments and payment transfers, other than those applied in similar situations regarding goods of domestic production or of third country origin.

### Article 3

With the goal to maintain existing ties and implement essential for both countries trade and economic relations, on the basis of mutual agreement indicative lists can be compiled of goods and services which are items of mutual export and have paramount importance.

The said indicative lists will be agreed by competent bodies of the Contracting Parties within the timeframe and for the effective period established on mutual agreement and will be formalised by a separate protocol, as a rule, annually.

# Article 4

Contracting Parties in their mutual trade shall refrain from discriminatory measures, introduction of quantitative restrictions or similar measures for exportation and/or importation of goods within the framework of this Agreement.

Parties may introduce unilaterally quantitative restrictions only within reasonable limits, and for a strictly defined time period.

These restrictions shall be of exceptional nature and may only be applied in cases of sharp deficit in the balance of payment.

A Contracting Party which applies quantitative restrictions under this Article shall provide the other Contracting Party, if possible, in advance with full information on the main reasons for

introduction, forms and expected terms of application of the abovementioned restrictions, whereupon the consultations shall be set.

Introduction of quantitative restrictions under this Article shall be formalized in a separate protocol.

### Article 5

All settlements and payments related to the trade/economic cooperation between the Republic of Armenia and Republic of Moldova shall be carried out according to the agreement between en the authorized banks of the Contracting Parties.

#### Article 6

Contracting Parties shall on a regular basis exchange information on laws and other regulations related to economic activity, including trade, investment, taxation, banking and insurance and other financial services, on transport and customs issues, including customs statistics.

Contracting Parties shall inform each other without delay on any changes in the national legislation, which may influence implementation of this Agreement.

Authorized bodies of the Contracting Parties shall coordinate the way to exchange such information.

# Article 7

- 1. Contracting Parties shall endeavour to establish a common customs tariff applied to trade with the third countries and to this purpose have agreed to conduct regular consultations.
- 2. Contracting Parties shall inform each other on existing customs tariffs and all exceptions thereto.

## Article 8

Contracting Parties shall consider incompatible with the purposes of this Agreement any unfair business practices and shall not allow and eliminate the following methods thereof:

- agreements between enterprises, decisions made by the associations of enterprises, and general methods of business practices aimed at hindering or limiting competition or disrupting the competitive environment in the territories of the Contracting Parties;
- actions by means of which one or a few enterprises use their dominant position, limiting competition within the entire territory of the Contracting Parties or a significant part thereof.

## Article 9

For the purposes of applying measures of tariff and non-tariff regulation in the bilateral economic relationships, statistical information exchange, and for carrying out customs procedures, the Contracting Parties will use the unified, nine-digit Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activities (CN FEA), based upon the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and Combined Tariffs and Statistics Nomenclature of the EEC. For their own needs Contracting Parties may expend this Commodity Nomenclature beyond the nine digits if necessary.