Article 6

Quantitative restrictions on imports or exports and measures having equivalent effect

1. Quantitative restrictions on imports or exports and measures having equivalent effect in trade between the Parties shall be abolished upon the entry into force of this Agreement.

2. No new quantitative restrictions on imports or exports and measures having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.

Article 7

Rules of origin

The rules of origin for the purposes of implementation of this Agreement are set out in Protocol A to the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania signed on 13 September 1993.

Article 8

General exceptions

This 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 and the environment; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value, protection of intellectual property. Such prohibitions or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the Parties.

Article 9

Internal taxation

1. The Parties shall refrain from any measure or practice of an internal fiscal nature establishing, whether directly or indirectly, discrimination between the products originating in one Party and like products originating in the other Parties.

2. Exporters may not benefit from repayment of internal taxation in excess of the amount of direct or indirect taxation imposed on products exported to the territory of one of the Parties.

Article 10

Payments

1. Payments relating to trade between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the transfer of such payments to the territories of the Parties where the creditor resides, shall be free from any restrictions. Payments between the Parties shall be effected in freely convertible currencies, unless otherwise agreed by individual companies in individual cases.

2. The Parties shall refrain from any currency exchange or administrative restrictions on the grant, repayment or acceptance of short and medium-term credits covering commercial transactions in which a resident participates.

Article 11

Export subsidies

1. Export subsidies granted by a Party which distort or threaten to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods shall, insofar as it may affect trade between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, be incompatible with the proper functioning of this Agreement.

2. If a Party considers that a given practice is incompatible with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, it may take appropriate measures under the conditions and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 16 (Procedure for the application of safeguard measures).

Article 12

Dumping

If a Party finds that dumping within the meaning of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 is taking place in trade with other Party, the Party concerned may take appropriate measures against this practice in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 16 (Procedure for the application of safeguard measures).

Article 13

Emergency action on imports of particular products

Where any product originating in Estonia, Latvia or Lithuania is being imported in such increased quantities and under such conditions as to cause, or threaten to cause:

(a) serious injury to domestic producers of like or directly competitive products in the territory of the Party, or

(b) serious disturbances in any related sector of the economy or difficulties which could bring about serious deterioration in the economic situation of a Party,