

15 (Re-export and serious shortage), and also in cases of export subsidies having a direct and immediate incidence on trade between the Parties, apply forthwith the precautionary and provisional measures strictly necessary to deal with the situation. The measures shall be notified to the Joint Committee without delay and consultations between the Parties shall take place as soon as possible.

Article 17

The Joint Committee

The Joint Committee established by Article 24 (The Joint Committee) of the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania signed on 13 September 1993 shall be responsible for the administration of this Agreement.

Article 18

Scientific and technical co-operation

The Parties will promote scientific and technical co-operation in agriculture and related fields on the basis of mutual interests. This co-operation may include the establishment of joint ventures, exchange of information and documentation, exchange of experts as well organisation of seminars and workshops.

Article 19

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

The Parties shall apply their regulations in sanitary and phytosanitary matters in a non-discriminatory fashion and shall not introduce any new measures that have effect of unduly obstructing trade.

Article 20

Evolutionary clause

The Parties undertake to examine, in light of any relevant factor, the possibility of further developing and deepening the co-operation under this Agreement and to extend it to areas not covered therein. The Parties may instruct the Joint Committee to examine this possibility and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to them, particularly with a view to opening up negotiations.