

Article 12

Trade in agricultural products

1. The States Parties to this Agreement declare their readiness to foster, in so far as their agricultural policies allow, harmonious development of trade in agricultural products.
2. In pursuance of this objective each individual EFTA State and Lithuania have concluded a bilateral arrangement providing for measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products.
3. The States Parties to this Agreement shall apply their regulations in sanitary and phytosanitary matters in a non-discriminatory manner and shall not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.

Article 13

Internal taxation

1. The States Parties to this Agreement shall refrain from any measure or practice of an internal fiscal nature establishing, whether directly or indirectly, discrimination between the products originating in an EFTA State and like products originating in Lithuania.
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 States Parties to this Agreement.

Article 14

Payments

1. Payments relating to trade between an EFTA State and Lithuania and the transfer of such payments to the territory of the State Party to this Agreement 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 States Parties to this Agreement 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 15

Public procurement

1. The States Parties to this Agreement consider the effective liberalization of their respective public procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity, in particular on the basis of the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) at Annex IV to the Agreement Establishing the WTO, as an integral objective of this Agreement.
2. To this effect, the Parties shall, within one year after the entry into force of this Agreement, elaborate rules within the framework of the Joint Committee with a view to ensure such a liberalization.