

life of humans, animals or plants and the environment; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value; the protection of intellectual property; rules relating to gold or silver; or the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption. Such prohibitions or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the States Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 11

State monopolies

1. The States Parties to this Agreement shall ensure that any state monopoly of a commercial character be adjusted, subject to the provisions laid down in Protocol D, so that no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed will exist between nationals of the EFTA States and of Romania.
2. The provisions of this Article shall apply to any body through which the competent authorities of the States Parties to this Agreement, in law or in fact, either directly or indirectly supervise, determine or appreciably influence imports or exports between the States Parties to this Agreement. These provisions shall likewise apply to monopolies delegated by the State to others.

ARTICLE 12

Information procedure on draft technical regulations

1. The EFTA States and Romania shall notify each other, at the earliest practicable stage and in accordance with the provisions laid down in Annex X, of draft technical regulations and draft amendments thereto, which they intend to issue.
2. The States Parties to this Agreement shall endeavour to implement this procedure within two years from the entry into force of the Agreement. If this does not turn out to be fully possible, the Joint Committee shall prolong this period.

ARTICLE 13

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 Romania shall conclude a bilateral arrangement providing for measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products.