

CHAPTER 10

COOPERATION

ARTICLE 10.1

Objectives and Scope

1. The Parties declare their readiness to foster trade, economic cooperation and technology transfer in order to facilitate the implementation of the overall objectives of this Agreement, in particular to enhance trading and investment opportunities arising from this Agreement and contribute to sustainable development.
2. The provisions set out in this Chapter shall have a cooperative nature and shall not be subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 12 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10.2

Methods and Means

1. Cooperation and technical assistance provided by the EFTA States for the implementation of this Chapter shall be carried out through programmes administered by the EFTA Secretariat.
2. Parties shall cooperate with the objective of identifying and employing the most effective methods and means for the implementation of this Chapter. To this end they may coordinate efforts with relevant international organisations.
3. Sustainable development shall be integrated and reflected in the implementation of cooperation, assistance and technology transfer in the various sectors to which it is relevant.
4. Means of cooperation and assistance may include:
 - (a) exchange of information, technology transfer and training;
 - (b) implementation of joint actions such as seminars and workshops; and
 - (c) technical and administrative assistance.

ARTICLE 10.3

Fields of Cooperation

Cooperation, assistance and technology transfer may cover any fields jointly identified by the Parties that may serve to enhance the Parties' and their economic operators' capacities to benefit from increased international trade and investment, including in particular:

- (a) promotion and facilitation of exports of goods and services to the other Parties, and promotion of market opportunities;
- (b) customs and origin matters, including vocational training in the customs field;
- (c) technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures, including standardisation and certification;
- (d) regulatory assistance and implementation of laws in areas such as intellectual property and public procurement; and
- (e) regulatory assistance and implementation of laws concerning trade related aspects of labour and environmental issues, including institutional capacity of labour and environmental administrations.

ARTICLE 10.4

Contact Points

The Parties shall exchange names and addresses of designated contact points for matters pertaining to cooperation.