

CHAPTER VII ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 29

1. The Parties declare their readiness to foster economic co-operation, in accordance with national policy objectives, noting that particular attention should be given to sectors facing difficulties in Lebanon's process of structural adjustment to the liberalisation of its economy.

2. In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement the Parties shall agree upon appropriate modalities for technical assistance and co-operation between their respective authorities, in particular in the field of intellectual property, customs matters, technical regulations, and sanitary and phytosanitary measures, including standardisation and certification in the food industry. To this end, they shall coordinate efforts with relevant international organisations. The Parties shall establish guidelines for the implementation of this paragraph.

CHAPTER VIII INSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 30

The Joint Committee

1. The implementation of this Agreement shall be supervised and administered by a Joint Committee. Each Party shall be represented in the Joint Committee.

2. For the purpose of the proper implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange information and, at the request of any Party, shall hold consultations within the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee shall keep under review the possibility of further removal of the obstacles to trade between the EFTA States and Lebanon.

3. The Joint Committee may take decisions in the cases provided for in this Agreement. On other matters, the Joint Committee may make recommendations.