

Agreement of Establishing Free Trade Zone Between The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and The Syrian Arab Republic

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, based on Arab fraternal relations of their peoples and historical links of their countries, and

Being desired to develop and support economic and commercial relations between the two countries on the basis of equity in order to expand the base of mutual interests and profits in various aspects and to enhance economic integration between the two countries, and

As having faith with the importance of freeing trade exchange, in harmony with the executive program programs of developing and facilitating of trade agreement between the Arab countries to establish a Great Arab Free Trade Zone, have agreed on the following:

Article 1

For this agreement purposes, the words and expressions listed herein shall have the meanings designated from them, unless the text stated otherwise:

1- Agreement:

The Agreement of establishing a free trade zone between the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

2- Contracting Parties :

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

3- Custom fees, charges and other taxes of same effect:

The fees imposed by the contracting state in accordance with custom tariff on imported goods, as well other taxes and fees of same effect imposed on imported goods and not subject to the products of the same contracting state, whatever the name of these taxes and fees.

This definition shall not include fees charged against certain service such as ground, storage, transfer, cargo, or discharging.

These applicable custom fees, charges and other taxes of the same effect on the date of this agreement enforcement shall be deemed as a base upon the application of this agreement's provisions. If any deduction on the percentage of custom fees and/or charges and other taxes has been effected, the new fees shall

replace the applicable fees at the date of this agreement application.

3- Non-Custom Restrictions :

The arrangements and procedures which taken by a contracting state for the control of import from the other contracting party and shall include in particular license of import, quantity, monetary, and administrative restrictions imposed on the import process.

Article 2

Either of the Contracting Parties may apply the principle of similar treatment in case the other party violate any of this agreement provisions, provided to notify the other party with this procedure.

Article 3

1- In accordance with paragraphs (2, 3, 4) of this Article, agricultural, animal, natural and industrial products of national origin (Jordanian or Syrian), which directly exchanged between the two countries, shall be exempted from all custom fees, charges and other taxes of same effect immediately after the application of this agreement.

2- Commodities of national origin (Jordanian or Syrian) which exchanged between the Contracting Parties and shown in Annex No. (1) shall be freed by reducing custom fees, charges and other taxes of same effect as following:

First day of Agreement application	60%
1/1/2003	70%
1/1/2004	85%
1/1/2005	100%

3- Regarding fresh vegetables and fruits, the provisions of agricultural calendar agreed by the two countries shall be taken into account upon the application of paragraphs (1 and 2) of this Article.

4- Products and articles prohibited for religious, health, security or environmental reasons which listed in the executive program of agreement of developing and facilitating trade exchange between the Arab countries to establish a Great Arab Free Trade Zone, shall be excluded from the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

5- No new custom fees, or any other charges or taxes of same effect shall be imposed on commodities and products of national origin exchanged between the Contracting Parties upon the application of this agreement.