

- (i) to promote, through the expansion of mutual trade, the harmonious development of the economic relations between the Parties and thus to foster in the Parties the advance of economic activity, the improvement of living and employment conditions, increased productivity, financial stability and sustainable growth;
- (ii) to provide fair conditions of competition for trade between the Parties;
- (iii) to contribute in this way, by removal of barriers to trade, to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade.

Article 2

Scope

This Agreement shall apply:

- (a) to products falling within Chapters 25 to 97 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System originating in the Republic of Slovenia or the Republic of Latvia, excluding the products listed in Annex I;
- (b) to products specified in Protocol A, with due regard to the arrangements provided for in that Protocol.

Article 3

Trade in Agricultural Products

1. The Parties declare their intention to foster, insofar as their agricultural policies allow, the harmonious development of trade in agricultural and fisheries products.
2. The Parties shall grant each other concessions on trade in agricultural and fisheries products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System and the products listed in Annexes I, II and III as provided for in Protocol A.
3. The Parties shall apply their regulations in veterinary, sanitary and phytosanitary matters in a non-discriminatory fashion and shall not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.

Article 4

Rules of Origin and Cooperation in Customs Administration

1. Protocol B lays down the rules of origin and methods of administrative cooperation.
2. The Parties shall take appropriate measures, including regular reviews by the Joint Committee, established under Article 26 of this Agreement, and arrangements for administrative cooperation, to ensure that the provisions of Article 5 (Customs Duties on Imports), Article 6 (Charges Equivalent to Customs Duties on Imports), Article 7

(Customs Duties of a Fiscal Nature), Article 8 (Customs Duties on Exports and Charges Having Equivalent Effect), Article 9 (Quantitative Restrictions on Imports or Exports and Measures Having Equivalent Effect), Article 11 (Internal Taxation) and Article 22 (Re-export) of this Agreement and of Protocol B are effectively and harmoniously applied, and to reduce, as far as possible, the formalities imposed on trade, and to achieve mutually satisfactory solutions to any difficulties arising from the operation of those provisions.

Article 5

Customs Duties on Imports

1. No new customs duty on imports shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.
2. Customs duties on imports shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 6

Charges Equivalent to Customs Duties on Imports

1. No new charges having an effect equivalent to a customs duty on imports shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.
2. All charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties on imports shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 7

Customs Duties of a Fiscal Nature

No customs duties of a fiscal nature shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.

Article 8

Customs Duties on Exports and Charges Having Equivalent Effect

1. No new customs duty on exports or charge having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.
2. Customs duties on exports and any charges having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, except as provided for in Annexes II and III.

Article 9

Quantitative Restrictions on Imports or Exports and Measures having Equivalent Effect

1. No new quantitative restrictions on imports or exports and measure having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.