

Customs duties on export and charges having equivalent effect

1.

No new custom duties on exports, charges having equivalent effect to customs duties, and other export duties of a fiscal nature shall be introduced in trade between the Contracting Parties.

2.

The Contracting Parties shall abolish all customs duties on exports or charges having equivalent effect to custom duties, and other export duties of a fiscal nature on the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article

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Quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent effect

1.

No quantitative restrictions on imports or measures having equivalent effect shall be maintained or introduced between the Contracting Parties on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

2.

All quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article

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Quantitative restrictions on exports and measures having equivalent effect

1.

No quantitative restrictions on exports or measures having equivalent effect shall be maintained or introduced between the Contracting Parties as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

2.

All quantitative restrictions on exports and measures having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, except for products listed in Annex 2.

CHAPTER II

Agricultural products

Article

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Scope

1.

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to agricultural products originating in the Contracting Parties.

2.

The term "agricultural products" means for the purpose of this Agreement the products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and the products listed in Annex 1 to this Agreement.

Article 9

Exchange of concessions

1.

The Contracting Parties shall grant each other the concessions in Protocol 1 to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Protocol 1") as laid down in that Protocol and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

2.

Taking account of:

- the role of agriculture in their economies,
- the development of trade in agricultural products between the Contracting Parties,
- the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products,
- the rules of their agricultural policies,
- the results of the multilateral trade negotiations under the WTO,

the Contracting Parties shall examine within the framework of the Joint Commission the possibilities of granting each other further concessions in trade in agricultural products.

Article 10

Agricultural policy

1.

Without prejudice to the provisions under Article 10 of this Agreement, the provisions of the Chapter II of this Agreement shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the Contracting Parties or the taking of any measures under such policies, including the implementation of the provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

2.

The Contracting Parties shall notify to the Joint Commission changes in their respective agricultural policies pursued or measures which may affect the conditions of trade in agricultural products between them. On the request of either Contracting Party, prompt consultations shall be held within the Joint Commission, to examine the situation.

Article 11

Specific safeguards

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, in particular Article 26 of this Agreement, given the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products, if imports of products originating in one Contracting Party, which are subject of concessions, granted under this Agreement, cause serious disturbances to the market of the other Contracting Party, the Contracting Party concerned shall enter into prompt consultations to find an appropriate solution. Pending such solution, the Contracting Party concerned may take appropriate measures it deems necessary.

Article 12

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

1.

The Contracting Parties shall apply their national regulations in veterinary, phytosanitary and sanitary matters, in particular in the exchange of information on infectious diseases of domestic animals, quarantine diseases, plant pests and weed, in a way that complies to the WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

2.

The Contracting Parties shall apply their regulations in veterinary, phytosanitary and sanitary matters in a non-discriminatory way and shall not introduce new measures

that may have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.

3.

The Contracting Parties undertake the obligations to exchange information on the level of the sanitary and phytosanitary protection of animals, plants and products.

4.

The sanitary and phytosanitary measures and functioning of veterinary services shall comply with the Code of the International Epizootic Office and other international conventions in this area to which the Contracting Parties are part of.

CHAPTER III

General provisions

Article 13

Elimination of technical barriers to trade

1.

The rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties relating to standards or technical regulations and related measures shall be governed in accordance with the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

2.

The Contracting Parties shall co-operate and exchange information in the field of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation with the aim of eliminating technical barriers to trade.

3.

Each Contracting Party, upon a request of the other Contracting Party, shall provide information on particular individual cases of standards, technical norms or related measures.

4.

The Contracting Parties shall aim to reduce technical barriers to trade. To this end the Contracting Parties will enter, where appropriate, into negotiations for the conclusion of the Agreements for the mutual recognition in the field of conformity assessment, for the products subject to mutual trade between the Parties.

Article 14

Internal taxation

1.

The Contracting Parties shall refrain from any measure or practice of an internal fiscal nature establishing, whether directly or indirectly, discrimination between the products originating in the Contracting Parties.

2.

Products exported to the territory of one of the Contracting Party may not benefit from repayment of internal taxation in excess of the amount of direct or indirect taxation imposed on them.

Article 15

Rules of origin and co-operation in customs administration

1.

The Contracting Parties agree to apply the harmonized European preferential rules of origin in the mutual trade including all existing and further amendments thereto. In case the European rules of origin are amended, the Joint Commission shall make a decision on amending rules of origin.

2.

Protocol 2 to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Protocol 2") lays down the rules of origin and related methods of administrative co-operation.

3.

The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures, including regular reviews by the Joint Commission and arrangements for administrative co-operation, to ensure that