

CHAPTER 2
TRADE IN GOODS

Article 1
Scope

Except as otherwise provided, this Chapter shall apply to trade in all goods between the Parties.

Article 2
National Treatment

Each Party shall accord national treatment to the goods of the other Party in accordance with Article III of GATT 1994. To this end, Article III of GATT 1994 is incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 3
Elimination of Customs Duties

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither Party may increase any existing customs duty above the base rate, or adopt any new customs duty, on an originating good of the other Party.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, and subject to each Party's Tariff Schedule in Annex 1 (Tariff Schedules), as at the date of entry into force of this Agreement each Party shall eliminate its customs duties on originating goods of the other Party.

Article 4

Fees and Charges Connected with Importation and Exportation

1. Each Party shall ensure, in accordance with Article VIII.1 of GATT 1994, that all fees and charges of whatever character (other than customs duties, charges equivalent to an internal tax or other internal charge applied consistently with Article III.2 of GATT 1994, and anti-dumping and countervailing duties) imposed on or in connection with import or export are limited in amount to the approximate cost of services rendered and do not represent an indirect protection to domestic goods or a taxation on imports or exports for fiscal purposes.
2. Each Party shall make available through the internet or a comparable computer-based telecommunications network details of the fees and charges it imposes in connection with importation and exportation.
3. Neither Party may require that any documentation supplied in connection with the importation of any good of the other Party be endorsed, certified or otherwise sighted or approved by the importing Party's overseas representatives, or persons or entities with authority to act on the importing Party's behalf, nor impose any related fees or charges.

Article 5

Non-Tariff Measures

1. Neither Party shall adopt or maintain any non-tariff measures on the importation of any good of the other Party or on the exportation of any good destined for the other Party except in accordance with its WTO

rights and obligations or in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement.

2. Each Party shall ensure its non-tariff measures permitted in paragraph 1 are not prepared, adopted or applied with a view to, or with the effect of, creating unnecessary obstacles to trade between the Parties.

Article 6

Agriculture Export Subsidies

1. For the purposes of this Article, agricultural goods means those products listed in Annex 1 of the *WTO Agreement on Agriculture* and export subsidies shall have the meaning assigned to that term in Article 1(e) of the *WTO Agreement on Agriculture*, including any amendment of that article.
2. The Parties share the objective of the multilateral elimination of export subsidies for agricultural goods and shall work together toward an agreement in the WTO to eliminate those subsidies and prevent their reintroduction in any form.
3. Neither Party shall introduce or maintain any export subsidy on any agricultural good destined for the other Party.

Article 7

Contact Points and Consultations

1. Each Party shall designate one or more contact points to facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter relating to this

Chapter. The Parties shall notify each other promptly of any amendments to the details of their contact points.

2. Where either Party considers that any actual or proposed measure of the other Party may materially affect trade in goods between the Parties, that Party may through the contact point of the other Party request detailed information relating to that measure and, if necessary, request consultations with a view to resolving any concerns about the measure.
3. The requested Party shall respond promptly to any such request for information.
4. Any consultations requested under paragraph 2 shall be conducted through the relevant contact points and shall take place within 30 days of the receipt of the request, unless the Parties mutually determine otherwise.
5. Any action taken pursuant to this Article shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the Parties under Chapter 21 (Dispute Settlement) or under the *WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes*.