

ARTICLE 16

STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES

1. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Contracting Party maintaining or establishing a state trading enterprise as provided for in Article XVII of GATT 1994.

2. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that a state trading enterprise falling under its jurisdiction acts in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and accords non-discriminatory treatment in the import from and export to the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 17

STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The Contracting Parties shall ensure that standards or technical regulations are not prepared, adopted or applied so as to create unnecessary obstacles to mutual trade or to protect domestic production, but are prepared, adopted and applied with a view to fulfill legitimate objectives taking into account any risk factor, including available scientific and technical information as well as the intended end uses of products.