

Article 9

Quantitative restrictions on exports and measures having equivalent effect

1. No new quantitative restrictions on exports or measures having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties as from the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. All quantitative restrictions on exports from the Parties and measures having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of the entry into force of the Agreement, except as provided for in Annex III.

Article 10

Information procedure on draft technical regulations

1. The Parties shall notify each other, at the earliest practicable stage and in accordance with the provisions laid down in Annex IV, of draft technical regulations and draft amendments thereto, which they intend to issue.
2. The Joint Committee shall decide on the date of implementing the provisions of paragraph 1.

CHAPTER II

Agricultural Products

Article 11

Scope

1. Provisions of this Chapter shall apply to agricultural products originating in the Parties to this Agreement.
2. For the purpose of this Agreement "agricultural products" mean products falling within Chapter 1 to 24 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and the products listed in Annex I.

Article 12

Exchange of concessions

1. The Parties to this Agreement grant each other concessions specified in Protocol 2 in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and those laid down in this Protocol.
2. Taking account of:

- the role of agriculture in their economies,
- the development of trade in agricultural products between the Parties,
- the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products,
- the rules of their agricultural policies,
- the consequences of the multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and of the World Trade Organization,

the Parties shall examine the possibilities of granting each other further concessions.

Article 13

Concessions and agricultural policies

1. Without prejudice to the concessions granted under Article 12, provisions of this Chapter shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the Parties or application of any measures under such policies, including the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round Agreements.
2. The Parties shall notify to the Joint Committee changes in their respective agricultural policies pursued or measures applied, which may affect conditions of agricultural trade among them as provided for in this Agreement. On the request of a Party prompt consultations shall be held to examine the situation.

Article 14

Specific safeguards

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, and in particular Article 27, and given the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products, if imports of products originating in a Party, which are subject to concessions granted under this Agreement, cause serious disturbances to the markets of the other Party, the Party concerned shall immediately enter into consultations to find an appropriate solution. Pending such solution, the Party concerned may take measures it deems necessary.

Article 15

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

The Parties shall apply their regulations in matters of human, animal or plant life or health in a non-discriminatory fashion and shall not introduce any new measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.

CHAPTER III