

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to within the five-year period to take agreed measures to phase out in the mutual trade import customs duties and equivalent to them charges in respect of goods, originating from the customs territory of the States of the Contracting Parties.

The Contracting Parties annually agree on withdrawal from the regime, provided for in Article 1 of this Agreement, which will be applied on the basis of bilateral Protocols signed by the Contracting Parties in accordance with the legislation of their States.

Fees for customs clearance of goods will be levied in accordance with the laws of the States of each of the Contracting Parties.

Article 5

Technical regulation

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate and exchange information in the field of standardization, metrology and establishment of compliance of goods to prevent the creation of any technical obstacles in the mutual trade.

In order to implement the provisions of this Agreement the Contracting Parties shall conclude agreements on mutual recognition of the acts of testing, conformity certificates or other documents that are directly or indirectly relate to the goods which are the subject of trade between the two States.

Conditions and methods of compliance of the goods to regulations are determined by the authorised organisations of the Contracting Parties in accordance with the legislation of the importing State.

Article 6

Sanitary and hygienic, veterinary and phytosanitary measures

The Contracting Parties shall apply regulations of their States in the area of veterinary, quarantine and plant protection in part of the competence of the relevant international institutions, providing information about the spread of contagious diseases in domestic animals and quarantine diseases, pests and weeds plants with the coordination of the necessary documents for mutual deliveries and transit of goods.

The Contracting Parties shall apply regulations of their States in the area of veterinary, protection of plants and animals on the non-discriminatory basis in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on cooperation in the field of agro-industrial complex, the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on cooperation in the field of veterinary and the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on cooperation in the field of quarantine and protection of plants, signed in the city. Belgrade, October 31, 1996.

Article 7

Rules of origin

The origin of the goods shall be determined on the basis of the rules, provided for by the legislation of the importing State.

The Contracting Parties will exchange the rules of origin of goods, determined by the legislation of their States at the time of signature of this Agreement.

In case of such amendments to the rules of origin of goods, the Contracting Party which made these changes, shall notify in writing the other Contracting Party. The other Contracting Party within fifteen days after receiving the notice, shall notify the interested participants of the foreign economic activities of its State.

Article 8

Transit of goods

The Contracting Parties shall ensure free transit of goods originating from the customs territory of the state of one Contracting Party and transported through the territory of the other Contracting Party, in accordance with the legislation of their States.

Article 9

Re-export of goods

One Contracting Party shall not allow unauthorized re-export of goods originating from the customs territory of the state of the other Contracting Party, which apply measures of tariff and non-tariff regulation in respect of exports.

Article 10

General exceptions

This Agreement shall not preclude the right of each of the Contracting Parties to apply the prohibitions or restrictions on import, export or transit of goods, justified from the point of view of public morals, public order or state security, protection of life and health of humans, animals or plants and the environment, protection of artistic, historical or archaeological values that are national property, protection of intellectual property, standards relating to import or export of gold or silver, keeping of irreplaceable natural resources, if such measures are carried out simultaneously with the limitations of domestic production or consumption.

These prohibitions or restrictions must not be a means of intentional discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the States of the Contracting Parties.

The Contracting Parties shall not exclude application of measures of surveillance and control of export and import of goods, as well as under international control technologies, originating from the customs territory of the States of the Contracting Parties.

Article 11

Security exceptions

Nothing in this Agreement shall not be interpreted as a requirement for one of the Contracting Parties to provide any information, disclosure of which is considered by the Contracting Party as contra dictionary to the interests of its national security or as preventing the Contracting Party to take measures, as it deems necessary for the protection of the interests of its security in respect of fissionable materials or the materials from which they are produced, in regard to the traffic of arms, munitions and war material, as well as other trade of goods and materials, if such trade is directly or indirectly carried out for the purpose of supplying the armed forces and/or if such measures are taken in time of war or other emergency in international relations.