

Article 5

Charges equivalent to import duties

1. No new charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties on imports shall be introduced in trade between the Parties as from the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. All charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties on imports shall be abolished on the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 6

Fiscal duties

The provisions of Article 4 shall also apply to customs duties of a fiscal nature.

Article 7

Customs duties on exports and charges having equivalent effect

1. No new customs duties on exports or charges having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties.
2. All existing customs duties on exports and any charges having equivalent effect shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, except as provided for in Annexes II and III.

Article 8

Quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent effect

1. No new quantitative restrictions on imports or measures having equivalent effect shall be introduced in trade between the Parties as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. All quantitative restrictions and measures having equivalent effect on imports of products originating in the Parties shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

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 date of 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.

Article 10

Information procedure on draft technical regulations

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

2. To eliminate technical barriers and effectively implement this agreement, the Parties can on the basis hereby conclude an arrangement for mutual recognition of test reports, certificates of conformity and other documents directly or indirectly related to conformity assessment of products which are the subject of the goods exchange between the Parties on the basis of regulation in force in the importing state.
3. A specification of conditions and methods for conformity assessment shall be prepared in mutual agreement by the competent national authorities for the carrying out of procedures of conformity assessment on the basis of the regulations in force in the exporting state.

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 Harmonised 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 Party shall notify to the other Party changes in its respective agricultural policy pursued or measures applied, which may affect conditions of agricultural trade between the Parties as provided for in this Agreement. On the request of the 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 market 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 for protection 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 - General provisions

Article 16
Rules of origin and co-operation in customs administration

1. Protocol 3 lays down the rules of origin and related methods of administrative co-operation.
2. The Parties to this Agreement shall take appropriate measures, including regular reviews by the Joint Committee and arrangements for administrative co-operation, to ensure that the provisions of Protocol 3 and Articles 3 to 9, 12, 17, 27, 28 and 29 of the Agreement are effectively and harmoniously applied, and to reduce, as far as possible, the formalities imposed on trade, and to achieve mutually satisfactory solutions to any difficulties arising from the operation of those provisions.
3. Protocol 4 shall stipulate mutual assistance and co-operation between Customs Administrations of the Parties.

Article 17
Internal taxation

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

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

Article 18
General exceptions

This Agreement shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on grounds of public morality, public policy or public security; the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants and environment; the protection of treasures of culture; the protection of intellectual property or rules relating to gold or silver or the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption. Such prohibitions or restrictions shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between the Parties.

Article 19
Security exceptions

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from taking any measure which it considers necessary:

1. to prevent the disclosure of information contrary to its essential security interests;
2. for the protection of its essential security interests or for the implementation of international obligations or national policies:
 - (i) relating to the traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war, provided that such measures do not impair the conditions of competition in respect of products not intended for specifically military purposes, and to such traffic in other goods, materials and services as is carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment; or
 - (ii) relating to the non-proliferation of biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; or
 - (iii) taken in time of war or other serious international tension.

Article 20
State monopolies

1. The Parties shall adjust progressively any State monopoly of a commercial character so as to ensure that by the end of the fifth year after the entry into force of this Agreement, no discrimination regarding the conditions under which goods are procured and marketed exists between nationals of the Parties. The Parties shall inform each other about the measures adopted to implement this objective.
2. The provisions of this Article shall apply to any body through which the competent authorities of the Parties, in law or in fact, either directly or indirectly supervise, determine or appreciably influence imports or exports