



### **Article 26**

No later than five (5) years after the entry into force of this Agreement, the Joint Committee should review its implementation.

#### CHAPTER V FINAL PROVISIONS

### **Article 1 - Evolutionary Clause**

Where a Party considers that it would be useful in the interests of the economies of the Parties to develop and deepen the relations established by the Agreement by extending them to fields not covered thereby, it shall submit a reasoned request to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee shall examine such a request and, where appropriate, make recommendations by consensus, particularly with a view to opening negotiations.

### Article 2 - Annexes

Annexes to this Agreement are an integral part of it.

### **Article 3 - Amendments**

- 1. Amendments to this Agreement, which are decided upon by the Joint Committee, shall be submitted to the Signatory Parties for ratification and shall enter into force after confirmation that all internal legal procedures required by each Signatory Party for their entry into force have been completed.
- 2. Amendments or modifications to the present Agreement shall be adopted by means of additional Protocols thereto.

# Article 4 - Application of the Agreement

From the perspective of the importing Signatory Party, nothing in this Agreement shall require that the Signatory Party apply this Agreement to territories not covered by its customs law.

## Article 5 - Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty (30) days after the date of the notification to the Depositary of each of the instruments of ratification of the last Signatory Party.



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### **Article 6 - Depositary**

The Government of the Republic of Paraguay shall act as Depositary of this Agreement and shall notify all Signatory Parties that have signed or acceded to this Agreement of the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession, the entry into force of this Agreement, of its expiry or of any withdrawal there from.

#### Article 7 - Accession

- 1. If MERCOSUR incorporates one or more new Member States, it shall notify the other Party and afford adequate opportunity for negotiations concerning the participation of the Member State(s) concerned in this Agreement.
- 2. The incorporation into this Agreement of new Member States to MERCOSUR, as Signatory Parties, shall be formalized through an Accession Protocol reflecting the results of the negotiations held pursuant to paragraph 1.

### Article 8 - Withdrawal

- 1. This Agreement shall be valid indefinitely.
- 2. Each Party may withdraw from this Agreement by means of a written notification to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect six (6) months after the date on which the notification is received through diplomatic channels by the Depositary unless a different period is agreed by the Parties.
- 3. If Egypt withdraws from the Agreement, it shall expire at the end of the notice period. If all Member States of MERCOSUR withdraw from the Agreement, it shall expire at the end of the latest notice period.
- 4. In case any of the Member States of MERCOSUR withdraws from MERCOSUR, it shall notify the Depositary through diplomatic channels. The Depositary shall notify all Parties of the deposit. The present Agreement will no longer be valid for that Member State of MERCOSUR. The withdrawal shall take effect six (6) months after the date on which the notification of its withdrawal from MERCOSUR is received by the Depositary unless the Parties agree on a different period.







Done in the city of San Juan, Argentina, on this second day of August 2010, in two originals in English. The texts translated into the Arabic, Spanish, and Portuguese languages shall be exchanged through diplomatic channels within ninety (90) days. In case of doubt or divergence of interpretation, however, the English text shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

For the Argentine Republic

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