

2. Each Party, upon request of the other Party, shall provide information on particular individual cases of standards, technical regulations and related measures.

3. The Parties shall aim to reduce technical barriers to trade. To this end the Parties will enter where appropriate into negotiations for the conclusion of the agreements for the mutual recognition in the field of conformity assessment, in the spirit of the recommendations of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

CHAPTER II

Agricultural, Processed Agricultural and Fish Products

Article 10

Scope

1. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to agricultural, processed agricultural and fish products originating in the Parties.

2. The term "agricultural products" means for the purpose of this Agreement the products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and the products listed in Annex I.

Article 11

Exchange of Concessions

1. The Parties to this Agreement shall mutually allocate concessions set forth in Protocol 1 in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

2. Taking into account the role of agriculture in their respective economies; the development of trade in agricultural products between the Parties; the high sensitivity of agricultural products; the rules of their respective agricultural policy, the Parties shall examine in the Joint Committee the possibilities for mutual allocation of future concessions.

3. In pursuance of this objective, Protocol 1 providing for measures to facilitate trade in agricultural products has been concluded between the Parties.

Article 12

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

The Parties shall not apply their regulations in sanitary and phytosanitary matters as an arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between them. The Parties shall apply their sanitary measures within the spirit of the provisions of the GATT and the other relevant WTO agreements.

CHAPTER III

Right of Establishment and Supply of Services

Article 13

1. The Parties to this Agreement recognize the growing importance of certain areas, such as services and investments. In their efforts to gradually develop and broaden their co-operation, in particular in the context of the European integration, they will co-operate with the aim of achieving a progressive liberalization and mutual opening of their markets for investments and trade in services, taking into account relevant provisions of the General Agreement on Trade and Services.

2. The Parties will discuss in the Joint Committee this cooperation with the aim of developing and deepening of their relations governed in this Article.

CHAPTER IV

Common Provisions

Article 14

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 of one Party and like products originating in the other Party.

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

Article 15

Trade Relations Governed by Other Agreements

1. This Agreement shall not prevent the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free trade areas or arrangements for cross-border trade of the Parties with third countries to the extent that these do not negatively affect the trade regime and in particular the provisions concerning rules of origin provided for by this Agreement.

2. Exchange of information shall take place, upon request of either Party, within the Joint Committee concerning agreements establishing such customs unions or free trade areas.

Article 16

Structural Adjustment

1. Exceptional measures of limited duration which derogate from the provisions of Article 4 may be taken by the Parties in the form of increased customs duties.

2. These measures may only concern infant industries, or certain sectors undergoing restructuring or facing serious difficulties, particularly where these difficulties produce important social problems.

3. Customs duties on imports applicable in the Parties to products originating in the other Party introduced by these measures may not exceed 25 per cent ad valorem and shall maintain an element of preference for products originating in the other Party. The total value of imports of the products which are subject to these measures may not exceed 15 per cent of total imports of industrial products from the other Party as defined in Article 4, during the last year for which statistics are available.

4. These measures shall be applied for a period not exceeding five years unless a longer duration is authorized by the Joint Committee. They shall cease to apply at the latest on the expiry of the transitional period.