

CHAPTER I GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 Objectives

1. The Parties, by taking into account Turkey's obligations arising from the Customs Union with the European Community and the Cooperation Agreement between the Syrian Arab Republic and the European Economic Community, shall gradually establish a free trade area on substantially all their trade over a transitional period lasting a maximum of 12 years starting from the entry into force of this Agreement in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement and in conformity with Article XXIV of the GATT 1994 and the other multilateral agreements annexed to the Agreement establishing the WTO.
2. The objectives of this Agreement are:
 - a) to increase and enhance the economic co-operation and to raise the living standards of people in both countries;
 - b) to gradually eliminate difficulties and restrictions on trade in goods, including agricultural products;
 - c) to promote, through the expansion of reciprocal trade, the harmonious development of the economic relations between the Parties;
 - d) to provide fair conditions of competition in trade between the Parties;
 - e) to contribute by the removal of barriers to trade, to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade;
 - f) to create conditions for further encouragement of investments particularly for the development of joint investments in both countries;
 - g) to promote trade and co-operation between the Parties in third country markets.

CHAPTER II FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

Article 2 Scope

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to products originating in the territory of each Party falling within Chapters 25 to 97 of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System with the exception of the products listed in **Annex I** of this Agreement.