

Technical barriers to trade

1. The rights and obligations of the Contracting Parties, relating to technical barriers to trade (technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures) and the respected measures, shall be governed by the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.
2. The Contracting Parties shall co-operate and exchange information in the field of standardisation, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation with the aim of eliminating technical barriers to trade.
3. Each Contracting Party, upon request of the other Contracting Party, shall provide information and in individual cases on standards, technical norms or related measures.
4. The Contracting Parties shall conclude an agreement on 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 PRODUCTS

Article 8 Scope

1. The provisions of the Chapter II of this Agreement shall apply to agricultural products originating in the Contracting Parties.
2. The term "agricultural products" for the purposes of this Agreement refers to the products listed in Chapters 1 to 24 of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System, including products listed in Annex 1 of this Agreement.

Article 9 Customs duties on imports

1. No new customs duties on imports, charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties and other import duties of a fiscal nature shall be introduced in trade in agricultural products between the Contracting Parties as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Customs duties on imports, charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties and other import duties of a fiscal nature applicable to agricultural products specified in Annex 2 to this Agreement, originating in the Contracting Parties, shall be abolished on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Customs duties on imports, charges having an effect equivalent to customs duties and other import duties of a fiscal nature applicable to agricultural products specified in Annex 3 to this Agreement, originating in the Contracting Parties, shall be progressively reduced, as follows:

- on the date of entry into force of this Agreement	to 90% of their value
- on 1 January 2005	to 70% of their value
- on 1 January 2006	to 40% of their value
- on 1 January 2007	to 20% of their value

- on 1 January 2008

fully abolished.

Article 10
Customs duties on exports and charges having equivalent effect

1. No new customs duties on exports or charges having equivalent effect to customs duties, and other export duties of a fiscal nature shall be introduced in trade between the Contracting Parties, as from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. The Contracting Parties shall abolish all customs duties on exports or charges having equivalent effect to custom duties, and other export duties of a fiscal nature on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 11
**Quantitative restrictions on exports and imports
and measures having equivalent effect**

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

Article 12
Agricultural policy

1. Without prejudice to the provisions under Article 2 of this Agreement, the provisions of the Chapter II of this Agreement shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the Contracting Parties or the taking of any measures under such policies, including and the implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round agreements.
2. The Contracting Parties shall notify to the Joint Committee changes in their respective agricultural policies pursued or measures which may affect the conditions of trade in agricultural products between them. On the request of either Contracting Party, prompt consultations shall be held within the Joint Committee, to examine the situation.

Article 13
Specific safeguards

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, and in particular Article 26 of this Agreement, and given the particular sensitivity of the agricultural products, if imports of products originating in a Contracting Party, which are subject to concessions granted under this Agreement, cause serious disturbances to the markets of the other Contracting Party, the Contracting Party concerned shall immediately enter into consultations to find an appropriate solution. Pending such solution, the Contracting Party concerned may take the measures it deems

necessary. The type and duration of the measure should not go beyond what is strictly necessary to remedy the situation.

Article 14

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

1. The Contracting Parties shall apply their regulations in sanitary and phytosanitary matters in a non-discriminatory fashion and shall not introduce any measures that have the effect of unduly obstructing trade.
2. The veterino-sanitary measures and the work of the veterinary services will be in accordance with the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.
3. The phytosanitary measures and the work of the plant protection service will be in accordance with the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.
4. The measures related to the veterinary and phytosanitary control between the Contracting Parties shall be harmonised in accordance with the legislation of the EU.
5. The Contracting Parties undertake the obligation to exchange regularly the information on the level of sanitary and phytosanitary protection of animals, plants and products.

CHAPTER III – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 15

Rules of origin and co-operation in customs administration

1. The Contracting Parties agree to apply the harmonized Pan European preferential rules of origin in the mutual trade, including all existing and further amendments thereto. In case the Pan European rules of origin are amended, the Joint Committee shall make a decision on amending rules of origin.
2. Protocol 1 to this Agreement lays down the rules of origin and related methods of administrative co-operation.
3. The Contracting Parties shall take appropriate measures, including regular reviews by the Joint Committee and arrangements for administrative co-operation, to ensure effective and harmonised application of the European rules of origin and Articles 2, 4 to 7, 9 to 12, 16, 26 to 28 of this Agreement, 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.

Article 16

Internal taxation

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