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introduced by the Protocol of October 18, 2005

The Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Belarus, referred to hereinafter as the Parties,

relying on the Treaty between the Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic signed on December 20, 1990.

confirming their favorable regard to the free development of mutual economic cooperation,

desiring to develop trade and economic cooperation between Ukraine and the Republic of Belarus on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

proceeding from the sovereign right of every state to pursue an independent foreign economic policy,

intending to facilitate the upgrading of economic activity, ensure complete employment, raise productivity and rational use of resources,

confirming the need to develop bilateral relations on trade and economic relations in compliance with the principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO),

(paragraph 6 of the preamble
in the wording of the Protocol of October 18, 2005)

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Parties shall not apply customs duties, taxes and charges – equivalent in effect to customs duties – to the export and/or import of commodities originating from the customs territory of one of the Parties and intended for the customs territory of another Party. When necessary, the Parties may foresee the exclusion from the given trade regime by a conciliated classification of commodities to be formalized by corresponding protocols, which shall be inseparable parts of the present Agreement

2. For the purposes of the present Agreement and for its validity period, the commodities originating from the territory of the states Parties shall mean the commodities identified by the Rules for Identifying the Countries of the Commodities' Origin approved by the Decision of the Council of the Heads of Governments of the Commonwealth of Independent States of November 30, 2000.

(Article 1 in the wording
of the Protocol of October 18, 2005)