FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UKRAINE AND TAJIKISTAN

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

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The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, referred to hereinafter as the Parties,

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

taking guidance from the Agreement on the Establishment of the CIS Free Trade Area of April 15, 1994 and the Protocol to the Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the Agreement on the Establishment of the Free Trade Area of April 2, 1999,

expressing their resolve to promote the harmonious development and growth of world trade and remove the barriers in the way of its development,

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

promoting the growth of the economic potential of states on the basis of development of mutual trade and cooperative relations,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- 1. The Parties shall not apply customs duties, taxes and charges of equivalent effect, as well as quantitative restrictions on the export and (or) import of commodities forwarded from the customs territory of one of the Contracting Parties and intended for the customs territory of another Party. Exclusion from the given trade regime by a conciliated classification of commodities, if the Parties deem it necessary, shall be formalized by a separate Protocol that is an inseparable part of the present Agreement.
- 2. For the purposes of the present Agreement and for its validity period, the commodities originating from the territory of a Contracting Party shall mean the commodities identified according to the Rules for Identifying the Countries of the Commodities' Origin, which is an inseparable part of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CIS Free Trade Area of April 15, 1994.

Article 2

The Parties shall not:

- directly or indirectly impose on commodities, which come within the purview of the present Agreement, domestic taxes and charges that exceed corresponding taxes or charges imposed on similar commodities of domestic manufacture or commodities originating from third countries;
- introduce relative to imports and exports, which come within the purview of the present Agreement, any special restrictions or requirements which under a similar situation are not applied to similar commodities of domestic manufacture or commodities originating from third countries;