

Each of the Contracting 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 forwarded from third countries;
- apply to the warehousing, reloading, storage, movement of commodities originating from the territory of another Contracting Party, as well as payments and remittance of payments other rules than those that are applied in similar cases to its own commodities or commodities originating from third countries.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall in mutual trade refrain from applying discriminatory measures to the other Contracting Party, and from introducing quantitative restrictions or equivalent measures on the export and (or) import of commodities within the framework of the present Agreement.

The Parties may set quantitative or other special restrictions under unilateral procedure, but only within reasonable limits and for a clearly defined time.

These restrictions shall be of an exclusive nature and may be applied only in cases provided for under the GATT/WTO agreements.

The Contracting Party that applies quantitative restrictions under the present Article shall as far as possible provide to the other Contracting Party in good time full information about the main reasons for introducing the referred to restrictions in the due form and for the foreseen periods of application of the referred to restrictions, after which it shall appoint consultations.

Article 4

The present Agreement shall not preclude the right of each of the Contracting Parties from taking unilateral measures generally accepted in international practice in state regulation of foreign trade relations, which it considers necessary for the protection of its vital interests or which are undoubtedly necessary for the performance of the international treaties to which it is a party or intends to be a party, if these measures concern the following:

- protection of human life and health, the environment, protection of animals and plants;
- protection of public morals and public order;
- trade in weapons, ammunition and materiel;
- supply of fission material and sources of radioactive substances, recovery of radioactive waste;
- trade in gold, silver or other precious metals and stones;
- conservation of exhaustible natural resources;
- upsetting the balance of payments;
- restriction of the export of products the domestic prices for which are below world prices owing to programs of government support;
- protection of industrial or intellectual property;
- protection of national heritage values;
- measures applied at times of war or under other emergency circumstances in international relations;

- actions aimed to meet the commitments under the UN Charter for the preservation of international peace and security.

The Contracting Party that effects such measures under the present Article shall as far as possible provide to the other Contracting Party in good time full information about the main reasons for introducing the referred to restrictions in the due form and for the foreseen periods of their application, after which it shall appoint consultations.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall exchange on a regular basis information about:

- domestic legal regulation of foreign economic relations, including on issues of trade, investment, taxation, banking, insurance and other services, as well as on issues of transport and customs, including customs statistics.

The Contracting Parties shall without delay notify each other about the changes in national legislation that may impact on the performance of the present Agreement.

The authorized agencies of the Contracting Parties shall conciliate the procedure for exchanging such information.

The provisions of the present Article shall not:

- be interpreted as binding for the competent bodies of any Contracting Party to provide information that may not be received under the legislation or in the course of usual administrative practice by one of the Contracting Parties;
- provide information that would disclose any trade, business, industrial, commercial or professional secret, or a trading process, or any information the disclosure of which is inconsistent with the state interests of a Contracting Party.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall recognize unfair business practices as being incompatible with the purposes of the present Agreement and shall not allow resorting to the following methods:

- agreements between enterprises, decisions made by associations of enterprises, as well as general methods of business practices that aim to hinder or restrict competition or violate the terms for it on the territories of the Contracting Parties;
- actions by which one or several enterprises use their dominating status, restricting competition on the entire or a substantial part of the Contracting Parties' territories.

Article 7

When effecting measures of tariff and nontariff regulation of bilateral economic relations, for the exchange of statistical information and for conducting customs procedures, the Contracting Parties shall apply the uniform nine-digit classification of foreign trade commodities (CFTC) based on the Harmonized System of Description and Coding of Commodities and the combined tariff-statistical classification of the European Union. For their own needs the Contracting Parties shall, when necessary, develop the commodity classification beyond the nine-digit limit.