

Article 2

The Parties shall not:

- directly or indirectly impose on the other Party's commodities, which come within the purview of the present Agreement, domestic taxes or 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;
- apply to the warehousing, reloading, storage, movement of commodities originating from the territory of another state, 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 Parties shall in mutual trade refrain from applying measures that restrict the export and/or import of commodities within the framework of the present Agreement. The Parties may institute measures restricting the export and/or import of commodities under unilateral procedures, but only for a strictly defined time. These measures may be introduced as quantitative restrictions on exports and/or imports or as special customs duty, antidumping and compensating customs duties. The referred to measures must be of an exclusive nature and be applied only in the following cases:

- acute shortage of commodities on the domestic market (before the stabilization of the situation on the market);
- acute balance of payments deficit (before the stabilization of the balance of payments);
- import of commodities into the territory of one of the Parties in such increasing quantities or on such terms that cause or threaten to cause damage to domestic producers of similar or directly competitive commodities;
- in order to take measures provided for in Article 5 of the present Agreement.

The Party that applies quantitative restrictions under the present Article shall be bound, in compliance with the request of the other Party, to provide in the shortest possible time the necessary information about the reasons, forms and time for introducing the above-mentioned restrictions. When selecting the measures in compliance with this Article, the Parties shall give priority to those of them that produce the least negative impact on the achievement of the purposes of the present Agreement.

(Article 3 in the wording
of the Protocol of October 18, 2005)

Article 4

All settlements and payments in trade and economic cooperation between the business entities of the states Parties shall be made on the basis of corresponding interbank agreements.

Article 5

Each Party shall not permit the reexport of commodities, relative to the export of which the Party from whose customs territory these commodities originate applies measures of tariff and/or nontariff regulation.

Such commodities may be reexported only by a written consent and on the terms set by the authorized agency of the country of origin of the said commodities. In case of failure to comply with this provision, the Party concerned shall be entitled, after preliminary consultations with the other Party, to unilaterally take measures on regulating the export of such commodities to the territory of the other Party that permitted the unconciliated reexport. In case of the reexport of such commodities, the state on whose territory they were manufactured shall be entitled to demand compensations for damages.

In this Article, reexport shall mean the removal of commodities, which originate from the customs territory of one of the states, as specified in Item 2, Article 1 of the present Agreement, by another state beyond its customs territory in order to export them to a third country.

Article 6

The Parties shall on a regular basis exchange all principal information about customs issues, all available customs statistics included. Corresponding authorized agencies of the Parties shall conciliate the procedure for exchanging such information.

Article 7

1. The Parties shall strive to approximate the customs rates that are used in the trade with third countries, for which purpose it was agreed to hold regular consultations.
2. The Parties shall inform each other about the operative customs tariffs and all exceptions related to them.

Article 8

The Parties shall recognize unfair business practices as being incompatible with the purposes of the present Agreement and shall undertake not to permit and to eliminate, in particular, such of their 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 both states;
- actions by which one or several enterprises use their dominating status, restricting competition on the entire or a substantial part of the territories of both states.

Article 9

When effecting measures of tariff and nontariff regulation of bilateral economic relations, for the exchange of statistical information and for conducting customs procedures, the Parties have agreed to use the Harmonized System of Description and Coding of Commodities of the World Trade Organization.

(Article 9 in the wording
of the Protocol of October 18, 2005)

Article 10

1. The Parties have agreed that abidance by the principle of free transit is the most important condition for achieving the purposes of the present Agreement and an essential element in the process of their linkup with the system of international division of labor and cooperation.