

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEORGIA AND KAZAKHSTAN

Questions and Replies

The following communication, dated 9 January 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Georgia.

This document reproduces the questions addressed to Georgia and the responses submitted. The questions and replies set out below are organized in accordance with document WT/REG123/3.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT

1. Membership and Dates of Signature, Ratification and Entry into Force

Article 16 provide for application of the agreement towards contracts concluded but not fulfilled during its period of operation. What does this mean? Please provide an example.

If the agreement would be terminated and some contracts between the importers and exporters were signed before, but not fulfilled, they can be fulfilled under conditions of Free Trade Agreement.

3. Scope

In addition to the tariff differential and/or enhanced services commitments created by the elimination of duties in the context of the FTA, does the agreement have other provisions that affect the comparative economic market access opportunity of countries that are not parties to the agreement?

Terms of this agreement does not provide any privileges for market access of member countries other than elimination of customs duties in the context of FTA.

4. Trade Data

Please provide information on total imports and exports of the FTA partners for 2000-2002 for agriculture and non-agricultural goods.

Statistic data for Export from Georgia to Kazakhstan and Imports from Kazakhstan to Georgia are as follow:

Georgia-Kazakhstan Trade, 2000-02
(in thousand US dollars)

Sectors	Exports			Imports		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Agriculture	996.3	2,774.9	1,836.8	8,488.8	2,885.7	2,327.3
Industry	3,557.3	1,543.2	1,174.8	1,231.0	2,377.2	2,956.3
Total	4,553.6	4,318.1	3,011.6	9,719.8	5,262.9	5,283.6

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

1. Import Restrictions

Is liberalization phased-in or immediate?

Liberalization of Trade was immediate after entry into force of agreement from both sides. Only small numbers of good are in the list of exemptions and countries now are negotiating to eliminate this list of exemptions from free trade. It is scheduled to finish negotiation before Kazakhstan's accession to the WTO.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

4. Relation with Other Trade Agreements

Article 13 refers to previous bilateral agreements. What were their titles, dates, and purposes?

Before 1997 year then was signed agreement between Georgia and Kazakhstan on Free trade, there had been in force bilateral agreement on "the bases of trade and economic co-operation" of September 1993.
