

## **FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN POLAND AND LATVIA**

### Questions and Replies

This document reproduces questions addressed to the Parties and the responses submitted. The questions and replies set out below are organized in accordance with document WT/REG80/3.

## **I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT**

### **4. Trade Data**

We would be grateful for more information on:

- (a) the percentage of trade between the parties (for each Party) which face zero duties, less than MFN rates or MFN rates in the agricultural and industrial sectors;
  - (b) the specific agricultural product lines, which face zero duties, less than MFN rates or MFN rates;
  - (c) when the Parties might negotiate full liberalization on trade in the agricultural sector.
- (a) Information is provided in annexed tables – see Annex.
  - (b) Parties believe that data on a tariff-line basis is not necessary to determine compatibility of the Agreement with GATT Article XXIV.
  - (c) Agreement does not exclude further liberalization of trade in agricultural products between the Parties by granting Parties each other further concessions. So far no date has been set for further liberalization.

## **II. TRADE PROVISIONS**

### **1. Import Restrictions**

Generally, we would be interested in the Parties' views on how the use of concession rates complies with the requirement in GATT Article XXIV that "the duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce ... are eliminated on substantially all the trade".

Agreement meets the requirement in GATT 1994 Article XXIV that the "duties and the restrictive regulations of commerce ... are eliminated on substantially all the trade" and the Parties are of the opinion that application of concession rates does not contravene the said Article.

# ANNEX

Table 1: Imports of Poland from Latvia, 1997-99

Duty rate	1997						
	Agricultural products			Industrial products		Total imports	
	US\$	%	% of total trade	US\$	%	US\$	%
MFN	1,556,777	100.00	1.19	17,988,821	100.00	19,545,598	100.00
Total	1,556,777	100.00	1.19	17,988,821	100.00	19,545,598	100.00

Duty rate	1998						
	Agricultural products			Industrial products		Total imports	
	US\$	%	% of total trade	US\$	%	US\$	%
0%	27,231	1.46	0.01	14,077,288	50.86	14,104,519	47.74
Less than MFN	237,577	12.75	0.11	6,014,340	21.73	6,251,917	21.16
MFN	1,599,261	85.79	0.76	7,786,084	27.41	9,185,345	31.09
Total	1,864,069	100.00	0.91	27,677,712	100.00	29,541,781	100.00

Duty rate	1999						
	Agricultural products			Industrial products		Total imports	
	US\$	%	% of total trade	US\$	%	US\$	%
0%	913,232	24.21	0.39	20,145,694	80.33	21,058,926	72.00
Less than MFN	2,270,357	60.18	0.98	4,932,679	19.67	7,203,036	24.97
MFN	589,167	15.62	0.26	0.00	0.00	589,167	2.04
Total	3,772,756	100.00	1.63	25,078,373	100.00	28,851,129	100.00

Table 2: Imports of Latvia from Poland, 1999

Percentage of trade which is duty free and which have tariff preferences  
for agriculture and industrial products

Country	Total agricultural imports from Poland (thousands US\$)	With concessions				MFN rate	
		Zero import duties		Reduced duties			
Latvia	30,105.58	Agric. Products	Indust. Goods	Agric. Products	Indust. Goods	Agric. Products	Indust. Goods
		%	%	%	%	%	%
		16.9	100	47.38	0	35.72	0