

**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AZERBAIJAN, ARMENIA, BELARUS,  
GEORGIA, MOLDOVA, KAZAKHSTAN, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UKRAINE,  
UZBEKISTAN, TAJIKISTAN AND THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

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/REG82/3.

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT**

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

**Does this Agreement actually function, or has it been superseded by other Agreements. Does its Secretariat still exist and function in Minsk?**

This agreement is still in force and its secretariat exists in Minsk.

**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.

**II. TRADE PROVISIONS**

**3. Rules of Origin**

**When and how will cumulation for rules of origin be elaborated and implemented?**

According to the decision (30 November of 2000) of council of CIS heads of Government there were adopted "Rules for Determination Country of Origin", paragraph 3 of this rules provides cumulative assessment for determination country of origin for goods.

**9. Other**

**Article 14 provides for notification of state regulation. What regulation is included? How does the notification system work? Have there been any notifications?**

Member countries are providing overview of trade regimes periodically. In December 2003 Georgia has to conduct report on trade regime of Georgia.

**5. Article 6 provides for harmonization of customs procedures. What progress has been achieved or is planned?**

Main shift aimed to harmonize the customs procedures is requirement of unified documents for customs clearance. For determination of origin CIS countries are using Certificate CT-1.

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