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Article 1

1. In order to take account of differences in the cost of the agricultural raw materials incorporated in the goods referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of this Protocol, this Agreement does not preclude:

- (a) the levying, upon import, of a fixed duty;
- (b) the application of measures adopted upon export.

2. The fixed duties levied upon import into an EFTA State shall be based on, but not exceed the differences between the domestic price and the world market price of the agricultural raw materials incorporated into the goods concerned.

3. The fixed duties levied upon import into Bulgaria shall be based on the duties applied on the agricultural raw materials incorporated into the goods concerned.

4. The measures as outlined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the EFTA States and of Bulgaria, or the taking of any measures under such policies.

Article 2

1. For products listed in Tables III, V and VI, originating in Bulgaria, the respective EFTA State shall accord the concessions indicated in those Tables.

2. Taking into account the provisions laid down in Article 1 of this Protocol, the EFTA States shall, based on reviews that can be requested by either side, accord for products listed respectively in Tables III, V and VI, originating in Bulgaria, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the European Community.

Article 3

Taking into account the provisions laid down in Article 1 of this Protocol, Bulgaria shall accord for products listed in Table VII, originating in an EFTA State, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the European Community.

¹ As amended by Joint Committee Decisions No. 1 of 1996 (20 March 1996) and No. 2 of 1997 (16 December 1997).

Article 4

For products listed in Table VIII the provisions of the Agreement shall apply.

Article 5

1. The EFTA States shall notify Bulgaria and Bulgaria shall notify the EFTA States of all measures applied under Article 1 of this Protocol.
2. Bulgaria and the EFTA States shall inform each other of all changes in the treatment accorded to the European Community.

Article 6

The EFTA States and Bulgaria shall review at two-yearly intervals the development of their trade in products covered by this Protocol. In the light of these reviews and taking into account the arrangements between the Parties and the European Community in this field and the results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the EFTA States and Bulgaria shall decide on possible changes to the product coverage of this Protocol.
