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ASEAN (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam).....	23
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Abbreviation used:

FTA:	Free Trade Area
MFN:	Most Favoured Nation (clause of)
NIS:	New Independent State (ex-USSR)

I. European agreements with the CEECs

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
BULGARIA* OJ L 358/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 8.3.93. In force since 1.2.95. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 8 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L378/94 et L25/94). Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L112/99, in force since 1.7.00, OJ L155/00). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2290/00 of 9.10.00, OJ L262).
CZECH REPUBLIC* OJ L 360/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 4.10 93 Entry into force on 1.2.95 Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force since 1.12.98, OJ L341/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2433/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
ESTONIA* OJ L 68/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L 29/99), in force since 1.9.99 (OJ L 248/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 1349/00 of 19.6.00, OJ L155).

* Request for accession to the EU (Bulgaria on 14.12.95, Estonia, 28.11.95, Czech Republic on 17.1.96).

I. European agreements with the CEECs (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
HUNGARY* OJ L 347/93	European association agreement.	Signed on 16.12.91. In force since 1.2.94. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (signed on 13.7.95, OJ L317/95). Protocol amending trade aspects (in force since 1.1.99, OJ L28/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 1727/00 of 31.7.00, OJ L198).
LATVIA* OJ L 26/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 28/99). Protocol amending trade aspects (OJ L 317/99, in force since 1.3.00, OJ L 28/00). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2341/00 on 17.10.00, OJ L271).
LITHUANIA* OJ L 51/98	European association agreement.	Signed on 12.6.95. Entry into force on 1.2.98. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. 5 Protocols accompany the text. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 28/99). Protocol amending trade aspects (signed on 16.7.98, OJ L 321/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.1.01 (R. 2766/00 of 14.12.00, OJ L321).

* Request for accession to the EU (Hungary on 31.3.94, Latvia on 27.10.95, Lithuania on 11.12.95).

I. European agreements with the CEECs (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
POLAND* OJ L 348/93	European association agreement.	Signed on 16.12.91. In force since 1.2.94. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.1.01 (R. 2851/00 of 22.12.00, OJ L332).
ROMANIA* OJ L 357/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 1.2.93. In force since 1.2.95. Unlimited validity.	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force on 13.10.98, OJ L301/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2435/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
SLOVAK REPUBLIC* OJ L 359/94	European association agreement.	Signed on 4.10.93. In force since 1.2.95 Unlimited validity	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Protocol amending trade aspects (in force on 1.11.98, OJ L 306/98). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2434/00 of 17.10.00, OJ L280).
SLOVENIA*	European association agreement.	Signed on 10.6.96. Entry into force on 1.2.99. Unlimited validity	Association agreement, forerunner to possible accession. Additional protocol has deepened some areas of the agreement (OJ L 51/99). Implementation of additional reciprocal agricultural concessions on 1.7.00 (R. 2475/00 of 7.11.00, OJ L286).

Comments:

- Additional protocols deepening some areas of the agreements with Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovak Republic were adopted in 95 (OJ L 375/95).
- In 1998 and 1999, the EU concluded protocols amending trade aspects, in order to modify the agreements following the conclusions of the Uruguay Round and the enlargement of the EU.

* Request for accession to the EU (Poland on 5.4.94, Romania on 22.5.95, Slovak Republic on 27.6.95, Slovenia on 10.6.96).

- Negotiations in view of granting additional and reciprocal agricultural concessions within the framework of the European Agreements have ended. Following this closing stage of discussions, additional protocols to European Agreements will be established. As a result of the duration of the adoption protocol procedure, they *did not enter* into force neither on July 1 2000 nor on January 1 2001. Council regulations, on an autonomous and transitional basis, will allow for rapid implementation resulting from negotiations until the protocols enter into force.

Conclusions of the agricultural agreements

Country	Approval by Member States	Entry into force *	Council Regulations	Official Journal
Bulgaria	9.10.00	1.7.00	2290/00 of 9.10.00	L262, 17.10.00
Estonia	19.6.00	1.7.00	1349/00 of 19.6.00	L155, 28.6.00
Hungary	31.7.00	1.7.00	1727/00 of 31.7.00	L198, 4.8.00
Latvia	16.10.00	1.7.00	2341/00 of 17.10.00	L271, 24.10.00
Lithuania	14.12.00	1.1.01	2766/00 of 14.12.00	L321, 19.12.00
Poland	22.12.00	1.1.01	2851/00 of 22.12.00	L332, 28.12.00
Czech Republic	16.10.00	1.7.00	2433/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Romania	16.10.00	1.7.00	2435/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Slovak Republic	16.10.00	1.7.00	2434/00 of 17.10.00	L280, 4.11.00
Slovenia	7.11.00	1.7.00	2475/00 of 7.11.00	L286, 11.11.00

* retroactive effect.

II. EFTA - EEA agreements

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ICELAND OJ L 1/94	Agreement on European economic area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Details of this agreement: see below. <i>Free trade agreement taken up within the EEA framework.</i>
OJ L 327/95	Agreement under the form of an exchange of letters concerning certain settlements in the food & drink field.	Signed on 30.12.95. In force since 14.2.96.	Concessions in the form of reduction (elimination) of customs duties. This agreement replaces the one of 2.05.92, OJ L 109/93.
OJ L 301/72	Free trade agreement within EU-EFTA.	Signed of 22.7.92 In force since 1.4.73.	Progressive liberalisation of trade inasmuch as agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.
LIECHTENSTEIN OJ L 86/95 OJ L 140/95	Agreement on European Economic Area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94. Joined EEA on 1.5.95.	Details of this agreement: see below. Following the refusal of Switzerland to be part of the EEAs, Liechtenstein had to modify its contractual links with Switzerland and notably the customs union.
NORWAY OJ L 1/94	Agreement on European economic area (EEA).	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Details of this agreement: see below. <i>Free trade agreement taken up within the EEA framework.</i>
OJ L 109/93 OJ L 122/93	Agreement under the form of an exchange of letters concerning certain settlements in the food & drink field.	Signed on 2.5.92. In force since 1.1.94.	Concessions in the form of reduction (elimination) of customs duties.
OJ L 171/73	Free trade agreement within EU-EFTA.	Signed on 14.5.73. In force since 1.7.73.	Progressive liberalisation of trade inasmuch as the agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.

Principle characteristics of the “European Economic Area” agreement (EEA):

The EEA agreement plans for the setting up of the “4 liberties”: free movement of goods, of services, of capital, of persons. It involves around 80% of single market provisions and also covers “horizontal policies” (consumer protection, environment, company rights, statistical data...). Excluded are the areas of agriculture and fishing. The EEA is not involved in taxation policies and trade policies as regards third countries.

Bilateral agreements regulate the trade of specific agricultural products (cheese, wine and spirits, meat...).

III. Agreements with other European countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ALBANIA OJ L 343/92	Agreement on commercial and economic co-operation.	Signed on 11.5.92. In force since 1.12.92. Validity 10 years.	Non-preferential agreement.
	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Negotiations not yet opened (Report to the Council by mid-2001 in preparation of these negotiations).	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
ANDORRA OJ L 271/96	<i>Protocol following EU enlargement.</i>	<i>Signed on 20.6.96 Entry into force on 1.1.97.</i>	<i>Adaptation of the Customs union Agreement following EU enlargement.</i>
	OJ L 374/90 OJ L 43/91	Customs union agreement. Signed on 31.12.90. In force since 1.1.91. Unlimited validity.	The agreement foresees the setting up of a customs union in two phases for industrial products and establishes regimes applicable to products not covered by this agreement.
BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Negotiations not yet opened.	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
CROATIA	Stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	<i>Initialisation of the agreement on 14.05.01.</i>	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2007/00 of 18.9.00, OJ L240).
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA FRY	Draft stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Negotiations not yet opened.	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2563/00 of 20.11.00, OJ L295).

III. Agreements with other European countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (FYROM) OJ L 348/97	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 29.4.97. In force since 1.1.98.	Preferential agreement with trade arrangements and establishment of political dialogue.
<i>COM(2001) 146 final.</i>	Stabilisation and association agreement with the Western Balkans.	Approved by Council on 20.11.00. <i>Signed on 9.4.01.</i>	Whilst awaiting the implementation of the agreement, exceptional trade measures, aimed at an asymmetrical liberalisation of trade, including for agricultural products, have been set up (R. 2563/00 of 20.11.00, OJ L295).
<i>OJ L 124/01 OJ C 149/01</i>	<i>Interim agreement relating to trade measures.</i>	<i>Entry into force on 1.6.01.</i>	<i>This agreement foresees trade liberalisation, including agricultural products, over a period of 10 years.</i> <i>Unilateral trade measures foreseen by regulation 2007/00 are applied in addition to the contractual concessions offered by the EU in this interim agreement.</i>
SAN MARINO	Interim agreement	Signed on 27.11.92.	Protocol agreement following the accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland (signed on 30.10.97).
OJ L 359/92	----- Customs union agreement.	----- In force since 1.12.92.	
SWITZERLAND OJ L 300/72	Free trade agreement for industrial products.	Signed on 22.7.72. In force since 1.1.73 Unlimited validity.	Progressive liberalisation of trade for as much as the agricultural policies and their compensations are maintained.
COM(99) 229	Preferential agreement for agricultural products	Agreement signed on 21.06.99. Undergoing ratification.	Preferential access on the Swiss market for certain food and drink products. Facilitation of trading. This Agreement is part of the 7 specific sectoral agreements that were negotiated and signed.
OJ L 76/00	Exchange of letters concerning Non-Annex I Products.	Entry into force on 1.4.00.	Agreement on the opening of some tariff quotas for processed agricultural products (Council decision 2000/239/EC of 13.3.00).

Comments:

Within the framework of the stability and association process implemented in the Western Balkans by EU, the Council adopted exceptional trade measures in favour of Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo. These asymmetrical trade preferences are aimed at total liberalisation of EU imports from the Western Balkans, apart from a few exceptions within the agricultural sector. On 20.11.00, the Council decided to extend these trade measures to Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
BELARUS* COM(95) 0137	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 6.3.95. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal. In process of ratification.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause).
COM(95) 0245	Draft Interim agreement to implement the trade provisions.	Signed on 25.3.96. Pending approval by the EP.	The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
MOLDOVA* OJ L 181/98	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 28.11.94. In force since 1.7.98. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
RUSSIA* OJ L 327/97	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 24.6.94. In force since 1.12.97. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine in 98 whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.
UKRAINE* OJ L 49/98	Partnership and co-operation agreement (PCA).	Signed on 14.6.94. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal. Entry into force on 1.03.98.	Non-preferential agreement covering a.o. the trade of goods (MFN clause). The agreement mentions the goal to create a free trade area. The parties will subsequently examine whether the circumstances allow for the beginning of negotiations.

* The economic concessions set for Russia (if not all the political ones) were extended to all three countries called "European" NIS. A difference in partnership and co-operation agreements showed up within these "European" NIS and the other NIS (for the "European" NIS: a "rendez-vous" clause providing for consideration in 1998 as to whether negotiations on a free trade agreement should be initiated).

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ARMENIA OJ L 239/99 OJ L 261/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
AZERBAĪ JAN OJ L 246/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
GEORGIA OJ L 205/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
KAZAKHSTAN OJ L 196/99 OJ L 248/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 23.1.95. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
KYRGISTAN OJ L 196/99 OJ L 248/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 9.2.95. Entry into force on 1.7.99. OJ 248/99. Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
TURKMENISTAN COM(97) 0693	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 25.5.98	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...
COM(98) 0617	Draft Interim agreement for trade measures.	Signed on 10.11.99. Pending approval from the EP.	

IV. Agreements with the New Independent States - NIS (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
UZBEKISTAN OJ L 229/99	Partnership and co-operation agreement.	Signed on 21.6.96. Entry into force on 1.7.99 (JO L 248/99). Validity 10 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement. Both parties apply most favoured nation clause. Abolition of quantitative restrictions. Economic, environmental, scientific co-operation...

Tajikistan is the only NIS with which the EU has not begun negotiations for a partnership and co-operation agreement.

Characteristics of these partnership and co-operation agreements (PCA):

- these agreements replace, as they come into force, the trade and co-operation agreement concluded in 1989 between the EC and the Soviet Union. While waiting for the PCAs to come into force, the 1989 trade and co-operation agreement continues to be applied on a bilateral basis with each of the USSR's successor states.
- the interim agreements, which do not require formal ratification and cover only the areas within Community scope, allow for anticipated implementation of trade provisions.
- the agreements cover several areas, notably the setting up of an institutional framework: Co-operation Council (at Ministerial level), co-operation committee (at official level), Parliamentary co-operation committee.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement/ Comments
ALGERIA	Draft Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by the Council on 10.6.96. Beginning of negotiations in 97.	The negotiations resumed after a long break, through a meeting at ministerial level in May 2000.
OJ L 263/78	Co-operation agreement.	<i>Signed on 26.4..76.</i> In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
CYPRUS* OJ L 133/73 OJ L 393/87	Association agreement.	In force since 1.6.73. Additional agreement in force since 1.1.88. Unlimited validity.	This agreement establishes a customs union in two stages for industrial products. This is the type of agreement prior to eventual EU accession.
EGYPT <i>COM(2001) 184 final</i>	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	<i>Initialisation of the agreement on 26.1.01.</i> <i>To be signed during the 1st semester of 2001.</i>	The Agreement foresees the creation of a free trade area by 2010, a high level political dialogue and more important financial co-operation.
OJ L 266/78	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 18.1.77. In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
ISRAEL OJ L 147	Draft Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 20.11.95 In force since 1.6.00.	Characteristics of this agreement: see p.18. Negotiations concerning reviewing the agricultural protocol have advanced <i>and will be concluded by mid-2001.</i>

* Request for accession to the EU on 4.7.90.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
JORDAN . OJ 268/78	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 24.11.97. In process of ratification.	Characteristics of this agreement: see p.18. Re-examination of the condition of agricultural trade in 2002 to fix new concessions.
	Interim agreement for trade measures.		
	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 18.1.77. In force since 1.11.78. Unlimited validity.	Global co-operation and free trade agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products. This agreement will be replaced by the association agreement.
LEBANON OJ L 267/78	Draft Euro-Mediterranean association Agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by the Council on 12.6.95. Beginning of negotiations in 96.	<i>A 9th round of negotiations took place at the end of May in Brussels. The positions of the parties have come closer over several points. Nevertheless, the setting of the details in the trade chapter have still to be made.</i>
	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 3.5.77. In force since 1.11.78.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products.
MALTA* OJ L 61/71	Association agreement.	Signed on 5.12.70. In force since 1.4.71. Unlimited validity.	This agreement establishes a customs union in two stages for industrial products Association agreement forerunner to possible accession.
MOROCCO OJ L 70/00	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 26.2.96. In force since 1.3.00.	Characteristics of this agreement: see p.18. Negotiations concerning the revision of the agricultural protocol <i>have progressed slightly.</i>

* Request for accession to the EU on 16.7.90. Following legislative elections of 96, the Maltese government decided to suspend its candidacy to accession.

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of agreement
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OJ L 187/97	Interim Euro-Mediterranean association agreement, <i>awaiting a Euro-Mediterranean agreement</i>	Signed on 24.2.97. In force since 1.7.97.	Agreement foreseeing trade concessions and strengthened co-operation as well as establishment of a FTA with a transition period no further than 31.12.2001.
SYRIA	Draft Euro-Mediterranean association Agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by the Council on 19.12.97.	<i>The 6th round of negotiations on 23.4.01 allowed an exchange of views about the general framework on trade between the EU and Syria.</i> <i>The negotiators examined how Syria can be integrated into the scheme of the association agreements signed with the other Mediterranean countries.</i>
OJ L 269/78	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 18.1.77. In force since 1.7.77. Unlimited validity.	Global co-operation agreement including some limited concessions for agricultural products. This agreement will be replaced by the association agreement.
TUNISIA JO L 97/98	Euro-Mediterranean association agreement.	Signed on 17.7.95 Entry into force 1.3.98.	Characteristics of this agreement: see bottom of page. <i>Negotiations concerning revision of the agricultural protocol have come to a conclusion and supplementary reciprocal concessions were applied on 1.1.01 (Council decision CE/822/2000 of 22/12/00, OJ L 336). A new "rendez-vous" clause is foreseen in 2005 on agricultural products.</i>

V. Agreements with Euro-Mediterranean countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of agreement
TURKEY* OJ L 35/96	Agreement establishing the definite phase of the customs unions.	Signed on 6.3.95. In force since 31.12.95.	Introducing the last phase of the customs union after 22 years of transitional period.
JO L 86/98	Decision of the EU-Turkey association Council n°1/98, on the trade regime for agricultural products	Decision n°1 98 of the EU-Turkey association Council published on the 25/02/98.	Defines the preferential trade regimes between the EU and Turkey for Agricultural Products
OJ L 217/64	Agreement establishing customs union.	Signed on 12.9.63. In force since 1.12.63. Unlimited validity.	Agreement establishing a custom union in three stages.

Characteristics of Euro-Mediterranean association agreements to replace the agreements signed with these countries since 76:

It involves association agreements comprising of various sections (political dialogue, economic, social and cultural co-operation, as well as freedom of establishment and free performance of services):

- the **free movement of goods** section foresees the creation of a FTA for industrial products over a period of 12 years. Non-annex II products are included in this regime: the industrial element is eliminated over 12 years and the agricultural element may be maintained under fixed or ad-valorem duty.
- for **agricultural products**, an improvement in reciprocal concessions is foreseen in the framework of reduced or zero tariff quotas and reference quantities.

* Request for accession to the EU on 14.4.87 and negative Opinion of the Commission on 18.12.89. Following the Helsinki summit, Turkey is now considered as a candidate country for accession to the EU.

VI. Agreements with countries of the Near and Middle East

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
GULF ARAB STATES CO-OPERATION COUNCIL - GCC (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia)	Free trade agreement.	Negotiating brief adopted by Council in 91. <i>Council is seized by a Commission proposal to enlarge the 1991 mandate, considered unbalanced by the GCC.</i>	The strengthening of internal cohesion of GCC states and, in particular, the announcement of the setting up of a unified GCC customs tariff in 2005 will facilitate negotiations. <i>Negotiations are stagnant since 10 years. The 11th Co-operation Council on 23.4.01 did not allow for any real progress.</i>
	OJ L 54/89 OJ L 360/89	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 15.6.88. In force since 1.1.90. Unlimited validity.
YEMEN OJ L 72/98 OJ L 178/98	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 25.11.97. In force since 1.7.98. Unlimited validity.	“Third generation” agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing parties to widen co-operation.

VII. Agreements with countries of Africa and ACP

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement	
ACP COUNTRIES OJ L 229/91	Fourth ACP-EC convention.	Signed on 15.12.89. In force since 1.3.90. Validity 10 years.	Preferential agreement, non-reciprocal, covering trade in goods, a.o. (99% of exports of this country may enter the EU without acquitting customs duties).	
	OJ L 156/98	Agreement modifying 4 th convention.	Signed on 4.11.95. In force since 1.6.98.	This agreement modifies various aspects of the Convention, and in particular, those relating to import regime of agri-food products from ACP countries.
	OJ L 220/97	Protocol n°11 on the adhesion of South Africa to the 4 th Convention.	In force since 1.6.98	Partial adhesion of South Africa (in particular, concessions on agri-food products are excluded).
		Cotonou Agreement.	Signed on 23.6.00 in Cotonou (Benin). Entry into force foreseen for 2002. Validity: 20 years.	Agreement aimed at replacing the 4 th Lomé Convention. It lies on 3 interactive pillars: the political dimension, the development strategies, the economic and trade co-operation. The agreement foresees that the 71 ACP countries and the EU negotiate and conclude, in 2008 at the latest, new arrangements compatible with WTO rules in order to liberalise trade.
OJ L 217/00	Anticipated implementation of certain parts of the Agreement.	In force as of 1.3.00.	Decision N° 1/2000 of the Council of ACP Ministers of 27.7.00 concerning provisional measures, applicable from 1.3.00 until entry into force of the Cotonou Agreement, foresees the anticipated implementation of certain parts of the agreement and the continuation of the application of most of the measures within the revised Fourth Lomé Convention.	
SOUTH AFRICA OJ L 311/99	Trade, development co-operation agreement.	Signed on 11.10.99. Provisional application as from 1.1.00.	This is the first free-trade agreement (FTA) concluded concerning the WTO obligation in accordance with which an FTA must cover a substantial part of the trade. <i>Discussions are ongoing in view of concluding the wine and spirits agreement.</i>	
	OJ L 341/94	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 10.10.94. Unlimited validity. Provisional application as from 01.10.00	Non preferential agreement aiming at re-enforcing co-operation.

VIII. Agreements with countries of Latin America

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ANDEAN GROUP* : (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela) OJ L 127/98	Framework agreement on co- operation.	Signed on 23.4.93. In force since 1.5.98.	"Third generation" agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation and development which will replace the 83 agreement by widening co-operation.
ARGENTINA OJ L 295/90 OJ L 208/91	Framework agreement on commercial and economic co- operation.	Signed 2.4.90. In force since 1.8.91. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co- operation.
BRAZIL OJ L 262/95	Framework agreement on co- operation.	Signed 26.6.92. In force since 1.11.95.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause).
CHILE OJ L 209/96	Framework agreement on commercial and economic co- operation.	Signed on 21.6.96. In force since 1.2.99. Unlimited validity.	This agreement replaces the 1990 co- operation agreement (OJ L 79/91). It covers the co-operation aimed in preparing the progressive and mutual liberalisation of all trade. The final aim is to establish a political and economic association: The Council has approved the negotiating brief in view of the conclusion of an association agreement on 21.6.99. Negotiations on non-tariff aspects have started (3 rd round of negotiations in November 2000).
MERCOSUR (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay) OJ L 69/96 OJ L 112/99 OJ L 175/99	Inter-regional framework agreement. It will replace the framework agreements on co- operation that individually exist with these countries.	Signed on 15.12.95. In force since 1.7.99. ----- Anticipated implementation of the commercial co- operation chapter since 20.11.95.	Framework agreement providing for commercial and economic co-operation. The parties have made a commitment to prepare a progressive and reciprocal liberalisation of the trade. The Council has approved the negotiating brief in view of the conclusion of an association agreement on 21.6.99. Negotiations on non-tariff aspects have started (3 rd cycle of negotiations in November 2000), while the tariff negotiations will begin as of 1.7.01.

* The Andean Group changed to the Andean Customs Union following the July 97 agreement in Peru.

VIII. Agreements with countries of Latin America (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
MEXICO OJ L276/00	Economic, political and co-operative Partnership framework Agreement	Signed on 8.12.97. In force since 1.10.00. Unlimited validity.	Non-preferential agreement. It will replace the co-operation Agreement of 1991.
OJ L 226/98 OJ L 157/00 OJ L 245/00	Interim agreement for trade and accompanying arrangements.	In force since 1.7.00.	The agreement was concluded in November 1999. The results of the negotiations have been formally adopted by the joint Council, during the Lisbon Summit on March 23 and 24 1999. <i>The agreement foresees the establishment of a FTA at the end of a 10-year application, accordingly with article XXIV. A clause for the revision of concessions is planned following 3 years of application of the agreement.</i>
OJ L 340/91	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 26.4.91. In force since 1.11.91. 5 years validity with tacit renewal.	Non preferential agreement (MFN treatment). Economic, commercial, financial and industrial co-operation agreement.
PARAGUAY OJ L 313/92	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 3.2.92. In force since 1.11.92. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
SAN JOSE GROUP (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama) OJ L 63/99	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.4.93. Entry into force on 1.3.99 . 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	"Third generation" agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation and development which will replace the 86 agreement on co-operation.
URUGUAY OJ L 94/92	Framework agreement on co-operation.	Signed 4.11.91. In force since 1.1.94. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every year.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand) OJ L 144/80 ASEAN extended to Burma, Vietnam and Laos.	Co-operation agreement. Adhesion of Vietnam to the agreement (OJ L 117/99) but not Burma (human rights problem - Council conclusions of the 26.7.97)	Signed on 7.3.80. In force since 1.10.80. 5 years validity with tacit renewal every 2 years.	Framework agreement on commercial, economic and development co-operation. The parties undertake to study ways and means of eliminating trade barriers on an MFN basis.
BANGLADESH OJ L 118/01 OJ L 319/76	Co-operation Agreement in the area of partnership and development. Commercial co-operation agreement.	Signed on 22.5.00 In force since 1.3.01. Signed on 16.11.76. In force since 1.12.76. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year.	Non-preferential agreement. Agreement covering co-operation, trade, economic and development issues. Non-preferential agreement aimed at promoting economic co-operation.
CAMBODIA OJ L 269/99	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Signed on 29.4.97. In force since 1.11.99.	Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause.
CHINA OJ L 250/85 OJ L 151/99	Agreement on trade and economic co-operation Mutual co-operation and administrative assistance agreement on customs.	Signed on 21.5.85. In force since 1.10.85. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year. Signed on 18.6.99. In force since 1.7.99 (OJ L 248/99).	Non-preferential agreement. Agreement setting objectives and action taken in the area of trade and economic co-operation. Agreement concluded to facilitate the movement of goods, the administrative procedures and the technical assistance between the parties on customs.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
INDIA	Strengthened EU-India partnership	Adoption by the Council on 6.12.96 of a Communication on strengthened partnership.	
OJ L 223/94	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 20.12.93. In force since 1.8.94. Validity for 5 years with tacit renewal every year.	Non-preferential agreement. Parties concede most favoured nations treatment. Among the fields for co-operation are agriculture and intellectual property.
KOREA South OJ L 90/01	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade	Signed on 28.10.96. <i>In force since 1.4.01.</i>	Non preferential Agreement. Framework agreement on co-operation in fields such as: sciences, technology, technical regulations, standards and conformity assessments. Agreement contains a chapter on trade measures.
OJ L 121/97	Mutual co-operation and administrative assistance agreement on customs.	Signed on 10.04.97. Concluded for a period of five years.	Agreement concluded to facilitate the movement of goods, the administrative procedures and the technical assistance between the parties on customs.
LAOS OJ 334/97	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Signed on 29.4.97. Entry into force on 1.12.97. Validity of 5 years.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
MACAO OJ L 404/92	Agreement on commercial co-operation.	Signed on 5.6.92. In force since 1.1.93. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
MONGOLIA OJ L 41/93 OJ L 51/93	Agreement on trade and economic co-operation	Signed on 16.6.92. In force since 1.3.93. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	Non-preferential agreement (NPF clause). Agriculture and intellectual property are among the areas of co-operation.

IX. Agreements with countries of Asia (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
NEPAL OJ L 137/96	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 20.11.95. In force since 1.6.96. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	"Third generation" Framework Agreement. Non-preferential Agreement (NPF). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
PAKISTAN OJ L 108/86	Framework agreement on co-operation and trade.	Initialled on 22.6.99. To be signed on 26.6.99 (Council decision of 17.5.99).	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). A joint Committee will ensure the functioning of the agreement.
	Agreement on commercial, economic and development co-operation.	Signed on 23.7.85. In force since 1.5.86. Validity of 5 years with tacit renewal.	
SRI LANKA OJ L 85/95	Agreement on commercial co-operation	Signed on 18.7.94. In force since 1.4.95. Prolonged yearly.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.
TAIPEI-CHINA (Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matsu) COM(97) 397 final	Interim agreement for agricultural products.	Proposal adopted by the Commission on 25.7.97. Entry into force at the time of the accession of Taipei to WTO.	This agreement concerns the concessions of market access obtained by the EU in the framework of negotiations of accession of Taipei-China to the WTO.
VIETNAM OJ L 136/96	Co-operation agreement.	Signed on 17.7.95. In force since 1.6.96.	"Third generation" agreement. Non-preferential agreement (MFN clause). Presence of an evolving clause allowing the parties to widen their co-operation.

X. Agreements with other countries

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
AUSTRALIA OJ L 229/98 OJ L 5/99	<i>Mutual recognition agreement in the area of conformity assessment, certificates and marking.</i>	<i>Signed on 24.6.98. In force since 11.1.99.</i>	<i>This agreement covers only some industrial sectors in particular the pharmaceutical sector. Its field of application could be extended to other sectors.</i>
OJ L 86/94	<i>Agreement on trade in wine.</i>	<i>Signed on 26.1.94 In force since 1.3.94.</i>	<i>Agreement destined to regulate and promote bilateral trade of wine.</i>
OJ L 188/94	<i>Agreement on scientific and technical co-operation.</i>	<i>Signed on 23.2.94. In force since 25.7.94.</i>	<i>Agreement modified on 9.12.99 in order to broaden co-operation possibilities.</i>
CANADA	<i>Veterinary agreement.</i>	<i>In force since 1999.</i>	<i>Through equivalence recognition of sanitary measures between the EU and Canada, this agreement is destined to facilitate the trade of live animals and animal products.</i>
OJ L 7/98	<i>Agreement mutual customs and assistance co-operation agreement in the area of customs.</i>	<i>Signed on 4.12.97 In force since 14.1.98.</i>	<i>Agreement demanded because of the importance of trade relations between contracting parties as well as by obligations towards the international conventions to which they adhered.</i>
OJ L 280/98	<i>Mutual recognition agreement.</i>	<i>Signed on 14.5.98. In force since 1.11.98.</i>	
OJ L 260/76	<i>Commercial and trade agreement</i>	<i>Signed on 6.7.76. In force since 1.10.76. Unlimited validity.</i>	<i>Non-preferential Agreement.</i>
JAPAN	<i>Mutual recognition agreement</i>	<i>Signed on 4.4.01</i>	
NEW-ZEALAND OJ L 229/98 OJ L 5/99	<i>Mutual recognition agreement in the area of conformity assessment, certificates and marking.</i>	<i>Signed on 25.6.98 In force since 1.1.99</i>	

X. Agreements with other countries (continued)

	Title of Agreement	Status	Type of Agreement
USA	No global agreement.	Beginning of the "New Transatlantic Agenda" in December 95.	Reinforcement of the Transatlantic Dialogue in view of finding fields of reinforced co-operation and agreements for commercial improvement in fields that wish so.
	Transatlantic Economic Partnership (TEP)	Launched during EU/ US Summit on 18.05.98.	Partnership destined to strengthen co-operation between European and American administration: in this framework, the EU action plan was adopted by the Council on 9.11.98 and was officially launched during the EU/US Summit on 18.12.98.
<i>OJ C 162/98 OJ L 284/98</i>	<i>Scientific and technical co-operation agreement.</i>	<i>Signed on 5.12.97 In force since 14.10.98</i>	
<i>OJ L 222/97</i>	Agreement on customs co-operation and mutual assistance in this matter.	Signed on 28.5.97. Entry into force on 1.8.97.	
<i>OJ L 31/99</i>	<i>Agreement on mutual recognition.</i>	<i>Signed on 18.5.98 In force since 1.12.98</i>	