

Chapter XVII: Final Provisions

Article XVII.01 Annexes and Footnotes

The Annexes and Footnotes to this Agreement constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Article XVII.02 Amendments

1. The Parties may agree on any amendment, modification, or addition to this Agreement.
2. When so agreed and approved in accordance with the applicable legal procedures of each Party, an amendment, modification or addition shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Article XVII.03 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 March, 2004, or as soon thereafter as the Parties have exchanged written notifications that certifies all necessary legal procedures have been completed.

Article XVII.04 Provisional Application

1. This Agreement may be provisionally applied by any two States of the Parties mentioned in the Preamble which have notified that they have completed the necessary legal procedures and have agreed to apply the provisions of this Agreement provisionally pending its definitive entry into force in accordance with Article XVII.03.
2. CARICOM shall notify Costa Rica of any Member State mentioned in the Preamble which has completed the necessary legal procedures and has agreed to apply this Agreement provisionally.

Article XVII.05 Reservations

This Agreement shall not be the subject of reservations or unilateral interpretative declarations.

Article XVII.06 Accession

1. Any country or group of countries may accede to this Agreement subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed between such country or group of countries and the Parties, and following approval in accordance with the applicable legal procedures of each country.
2. It is mutually understood and agreed that negotiations for the accession of Haiti to this Agreement shall take into account that this Agreement and its Annexes establish preferential treatment by Costa Rica for the less developed Member States of CARICOM by reason of their lesser degree of development.

3. This Agreement shall not come into force between a Party and any acceding country or group of countries if, at the time of accession, either does not consent to such application.

4. The instrument of accession shall enter into force upon the exchange of notifications certifying that the applicable legal procedures have been fulfilled.

Article XVII.07 Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force, unless terminated by either Party on six (6) months' written notice to the other Party. The rights acquired and the obligations assumed under this Agreement shall cease on the effective date of termination, except as provided in paragraph 2.

2. Obligations undertaken prior to termination with respect to trade in goods shall continue in force, for a further period of one (1) year, unless the Parties agree to a longer period.

3. In the case of accession of a country or group of countries in accordance with the provisions of Article XVII.06, even when a Party has denounced the Agreement, it shall remain in force for the other Parties.

Article XVII.08 Authentic Texts

The English and Spanish texts of this Agreement are equally authentic.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized, have affixed their signatures to this Agreement.