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TRADE AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA AND THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

The Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden,

wishing to further strengthen their friendly relations and to promote and develop both the exchange of goods and services and also economic cooperation between their two countries, founded on their mutual interests, and

regarding this agreement as a step towards the establishment of free trade between their two countries in accordance with the principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT),²

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Within the framework of the legislation and regulations which apply in their respective countries, the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to abolish barriers to trade in goods and services between their two countries.

¹Came into force on 28 October 1991 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

² United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 55, p. 187.

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The Contracting Parties shall accord most-favoured-nation treatment to each other with respect to duties applied to the exportation and importation of goods and with respect to charges which have a corresponding effect, and also with respect to procedures and formalities which affect trade.

However, the provisions contained in the first paragraph do not apply as regards granting or retaining

- advantages within the framework of a customs union or a free-trade area of which either of the Contracting Parties is a member or may become a member;
- advantages which either of the Contracting Parties
 accords to neighbouring countries in order to
 facilitate frontier trade;
- advantages within the Generalized System of
 Preferences (GSP).

The Contracting Parties shall support and facilitate trade on normal commercial terms between companies in their two countries and shall also promote contracts and exchanges of information between companies and bodies which are involved in trade and economic cooperation, in particular as regards laws and ordinances and economic and political measures.

Article 4

Payments between the two countries shall be effected in freely convertible currencies, unless otherwise agreed by individual companies in individual cases.

Article 5

Goods which have their origin in the territory of one of the Contracting Parties and which have been temporarily imported to the territory of the other Party may be exempted from duties and other charges, as the result of due decision, to the extent that provisions for such exemption exist in the laws and ordinances of the importing country.

The Contracting Parties shall inform each other of problems which may arise in the bilateral trade between their two countries and, with the object of facilitating implementation of this agreement and solving problems which may arise in connection with its application, may consult with the other Party. Such consultation shall be at the request of either Contracting Party and at a time agreed by both Parties.

Article 7

If either of the Contracting Parties establishes that the importation of goods which originate in the territory of the other Party causes or threatens to cause serious injury, this Party may request consultation, which shall take place as soon as possible, to arrive at a solution. If a solution cannot be found by means of consultation, the Party which requests consultation may take protective measures.

If the circumstances do not permit consultation, the importing Contracting Party may take protective measures. In this case, consultation should take place immediately after the institution of such protective measures, if so requested by the other Party.

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This agreement enters into force upon signature and shall remain in force indefinitely, unless terminated by notification in writing by either of the Contracting Parties. Such termination enters into force six months after the date of notification.

Done at Tallinn on 28 October, 1991 in duplicate in the English language in two authentic copies.

For the Government of the Republic of Estonia:

For the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden:

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