

Trade Agreement Between the Palestinian National Authority and the Arab Republic of Egypt

Based on the Close connections and historic relations between the Palestinian National Authority and the Arab Republic of Egypt; hoping in developing, supporting and consolidating business relations on the basis of mutual respect and equality for achieving shared objectives; considering the nature of the economic situation in both countries; Working on activating the economic and technical cooperation agreement that was approved on 25th of January 1994 concerning trade cooperation.

Taking into consideration the declaration of the Arab Free Trade Area according to the social and economic council Number 1317 on the 19TH Feb1997; both countries agree on:

First Article

Both sides will work on developing bilateral trade relations in accordance to the rules mentioned in this agreement and to the existing laws and regulations considering imports and exports in both countries on the date this agreement will be activated or during the period this agreement is implemented.

Second Article

Both sides will work on exempting imported and exported goods and products of national origin in accordance to the rules of this agreement and the rules of international business.

Third Article

Egyptian and Palestinian goods and products of national origin are exempted from customs fees and other taxes, which will be agreed on according to the protocol attached in this agreement, that is a non-separate part of the agreement.

Forth Article

Industrial products are considered of national origin if its domestic inputs including production costs are not less than 40% (forty percent) of all gross production costs.

According to this agreement, duty-free products should come from the country of origin and approved by a certificate of origin issued and approved by the designated party in the country of origin that shows the percentage of the domestic inputs to the gross production cost.

The rules of the origin that are agreed on, should be applied through the Great Arab Free Trade Area once approved.

Fifth Article

Business transactions between both countries can go with any internationally transferable currency.

Sixth Article

Both countries will work on participating in exhibitions, and international trade fairs that are held in the others' country; and to ease the process through the laws and regulations in each country on the basis of mutual/equal treatment.

Seventh Article

Both countries will work on smoothing the entering of transit products for the purpose of re-exporting through the land of each country.

Eighth Article

1. Both countries will work on taking necessary actions towards any trouble that can face trade cooperation, especially those in the customs outlets.
2. Both sides will work on coordinating custom issues including exchange of information, data and technical experience and to cooperate in permitting custom breach,
3. Both sides exchange the lists of custom fees, taxes and other fees.

Ninth Article

Priority for transportation and land, sea and air shipment for exchanging products goes for the national transportation and marine.

Tenth Article

Both sides will work on promoting mutual cooperation and delegations among chambers of commerce and industry, and other similar institutions; to enhance meetings between businessmen from both sides in order to introduce business and investment opportunities and in both countries.

Eleventh Article

Both sides will work on enhancing cooperation between them for exchanging experience, technical assistance, training in local and international business, inspection on the imports and exports, custom house and other aspects that deal with flourishing trade cooperation.

Twelfth Article

Establishing Joint Palestinian-Egyptian business committee at a ministerial level that would meet once each six months at least, each time in the others country. It's task would be to:

1. Overcome problems that may rise when starting this project, and that would impede trade development between the two countries.
2. Propose modifying the articles of this agreement that would result in the increase of trade exchange and business relations between the two countries.
3. Revise and correct the lists of duty free goods in taxes and fees.
4. Send the recommendations that were reached by the committee to the responsible authority in each country; to be activated after being endorsed according to the articles of this agreement.
5. Cooperating between the specialized authorities concerning

Thirteen Article

This agreement will become in force after being approved by the specialized legislative authorities in each country, and shall be activated after thirty days after exchanging the approved agreement, in diplomatic ways, and so goes for any modification or any protocol attached.

Fourteenth Article

This agreement can go on for two years; reactivated automatically for another two years unless one of the countries shows its desire to stop working with it three months at least before the expiry date.

This agreement was signed Tuesday the sixths of