



TRADE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties;"

Desirous to further develop the trade relations between the countries on the basis of the principle of equality and mutual benefit;

Conscious of the prospects of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries;

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The exchange of goods and commodities between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this agreement as well as the laws and regulations in force in both countries.



ARTICLE II

Each Contracting Party shall grant to the other Contracting Party the advantages of the principle of the most-favoured-nation treatment except the advantages:

1. Accorded by each of the two Contracting Parties to the bordering countries in order to facilitate frontier trade;
2. Resulting from a present or future belonging of one of the two countries to a customs union, a free trade area or any other form of regional or sub-regional organization.

ARTICLE III

Products to be exchanged between the Contracting Parties comprehend goods available for export, originating from both countries with an integration of at least 40% of local materials, being those products freely exchanged except those affecting health, environment, artistic and historical patrimones of the two countries. Any imported product to either country shall be accompanied by "Certificate of Origin" issued by the competent authorities of the two countries.

ARTICLE IV

The two Contracting Parties agree to eliminate, in the course of exchange of goods, non-tariff barriers in accordance with laws and regulations in force in each country. They also agree not to resort to dumping practices or any other unfair practices aiming at falsifying free competition in their commercial relations.



ARTICLE V

In order to strengthen their trade relations, the two Contracting Parties shall encourage their respective authorities to undertake bilateral protocols in the fields of norms, quality control and technical specifications.

ARTICLE VI

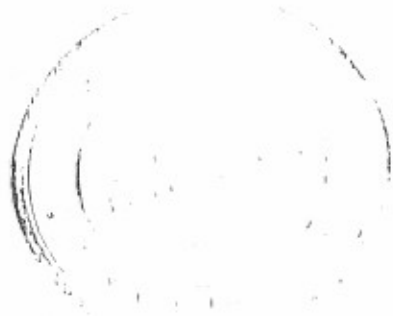
Commercial transactions to be achieved within the framework of this agreement shall be conducted on the basis of contracts to be concluded between legal entities and physical persons entitled to exercise activities in the field of foreign trade according to the laws and regulations in force in each country.

ARTICLE VII

All payments related to the contracts concluded, according to this agreement, shall be carried out in freely convertible currency, in accordance with the laws and regulations governing exchange control in force in each country.

ARTICLE VIII

The prices of goods to be exchanged shall be based on the contracts to be concluded between the legal entities and physical persons of both countries and the prevailing international market prices



ARTICLE IX

The admission of imported goods into the territory of either party shall depend on the veterinary and phytosanitary rules in force in each country, which are in conformity with international, national or if not, the norms reached between the two parties.

A Support for potential to participate in National and International Exhibitions to be held in Argentina

ARTICLE X

In order to promote the trade relations between the two countries, the Contracting Parties shall undertake to encourage and facilitate the visits of businessmen and trade delegations, and also facilitate each other's participation in trade fairs and exhibitions to be held in either country according to the rules and regulations in force in each country.

Support in Training

ARTICLE XI

The Contracting Parties shall, in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, encourage and facilitate the development of the commercial and economic co-operation between their enterprises, through, inter-alia, exchange of trade information and technical training.

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ARTICLE XII

The Contracting Parties shall exempt, in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the two countries, the following goods and articles upon import and export from customs duties and taxes.

However, these goods and articles can not be sold in the respective countries prior to the approval of the competent authorities and the payment of the necessary customs duties and taxes.

1. Temporarily imported products on the occasion of trade fairs and exhibitions;
2. Samples and materials exclusively destined for advertising and publicity;
3. Materials for the setting up of stands for trade fairs and exhibitions;
4. Products originating and coming from a third country, being in transit in the territory of either party destined for the other;
5. Repaired or replaced items as well as spare parts falling in the framework of guarantees and supplying contracts between the enterprises of the two countries.

ARTICLE XIII

The Contracting Parties shall take all the necessary measures to ensure an appropriate and effective protection for industrial, intellectual and artistic property rights of individuals and legal entities in accordance with the legal provisions in force in each country taking into account their obligations to the relevant international agreements to which they are parties.



ARTICLE XIV

A Joint Committee for trade, consisting of representatives designated by the two respective governments, shall be established in order to:

1. Review the implementation of this Agreement;
2. Identify and Propose solutions which shall further strengthen the trade relations by eliminating obstacles which impede the implementation of the contracts signed between the commercial enterprises of the two countries;
3. Propose the signing of protocols and make necessary recommendations with a view to enhance trade relations between the two countries.

The Joint Committee for trade shall meet alternatively in Addis Ababa or Algiers at dates to be fixed through diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE XV

The Contracting Parties shall amicably settle any dispute that may arise during the implementation of the contracts concluded between the commercial enterprises of the two countries. In case of disagreement, it will be resorted to the contractual provisions or to relevant international practices.



ARTICLE XVI

In the event of termination or expiry of this agreement, its provisions shall remain applicable to all contracts signed and unexecuted during the period of validity.

ARTICLE XVII

The provisions of this Agreement may be amended on the request of one party and the acceptance of other party.

ARTICLE XVIII

The present Agreement shall be valid for a period of three years. It shall automatically be renewed for the next three years unless one of the Contracting Parties gives a written notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least three months before the Agreement expires.

ARTICLE XIX

The present Agreement shall formally come into force after the exchange of notes confirming that the Agreement is ratified in compliance with the respective legal procedures in force in each country.

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ARTICLE XX

This agreement cancels and replaces the Trade Agreement signed in Addis Ababa, on the 8th day of June 1981.

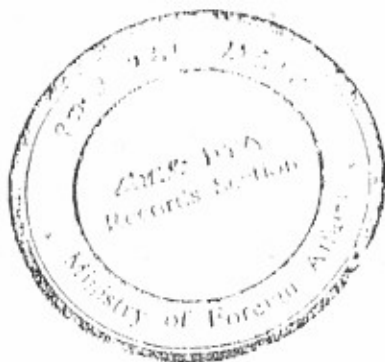
Done at Addis Ababa on 19th November, 1997 in two originals, in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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