

## **AGREED MINUTES**

### **of the 8th round of negotiations between the Delegations of MERCOSUR and the State of Israel on the establishment of a Free Trade Agreement**

The Delegations of MERCOSUR and of the State of Israel met on 27 to 29 November 2007 in Geneva to negotiate the establishment of a Free Trade Area Agreement.

Mr. Alberto Fajardo headed the delegation from MERCOSUR

Mr. Boaz Hirsch headed the delegation from Israel

The list of the participants of both Delegations is attached as Annex I.

## **I. Market Access**

MERCOSUR accepted Israel's offer for Uruguay and Paraguay.

Israel accepted MERCOSUR 's offer for improved access.

The outstanding issues are:

- Israel requested immediate market access for five tariff lines: (2105.00.10; 2105.00.90; 2106.10.00; 3504.0020;7308.20.00;) MERCOSUR shall reply by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Israel requested the inclusion of Chapter 29 in the Understanding with Argentina. MERCOSUR shall reply by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December
- MERCOSUR asked to reinstate the 10% preference for tariff line 0406.20.20. Israel will give a reply by the same date.

## **II. Texts Issues**

The texts of the different chapters of the Agreement were finalized except for the following remaining issues:

- For MERCOSUR :

Initial Provisions ( art 7, definition of territory and inclusion of Free Zones)

General Provisions (art.5 "Re-exports and Serious Shortage" and art. 6

"Administration of Measures") ;

Safeguards (Quota 1.3);  
Final provisions (art.7 Accession);  
Rules of Origin ( art.17; art.19, the Understanding);  
Exceptions ( art.2.2. Taxation)

- For Israel :

Dispute Settlement Rules of Procedures, art.18 and Institutional, art. 2.2.);  
Exceptions (art.2.2 Taxation.)  
Rules of Origin; Mutual Assistance on Custom Matters (uniformity amendments)

Both Parties will endeavour to resolve the above mentioned issues by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2007.

A videoconference will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. of December at 12 p.m. Uruguay time in a view to finalize the Agreement.

Done on 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2007, in Geneva, in two original copies in the English language.

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