

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE  
TRADE AGREEMENT, CEFTA 2006**

**Decision No 3/2007  
Adopted on 28 September 2007**

**Terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee on  
Agriculture including Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues**

1. The task of the Sub-committee is to facilitate trade in agricultural products within the region and to ensure that protection of plant health, animal health and food safety and other measures applied in agricultural trade do not unjustifiably restrict trade.
2. To this end the Sub-committee on Agriculture including Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues will:
  - (i) Act as a forum for a regular exchange of information between experts, for identifying common problems and for finding possible solutions. It will:
    - encourage negotiations among the Parties to further liberalise trade in agricultural products;
    - encourage negotiations among the Parties to conclude, where appropriate, agreements on coordinated harmonisation or mutual recognition of sanitary and phytosanitary measures;
    - review internal legislation in force or in the process of being introduced to ensure that it is fully consistent with provisions of the CEFTA Agreement.
  - (ii) Deal with complaints by a Party concerning the possible discriminatory application by other Parties of measures contrary to the CEFTA Agreement. It will:
    - review the situation and recommend steps to resolve the situation;
    - review that issues arising in the application of Article 11.3 Concessions and Agricultural Policies – Use of Export Subsidies, Article 12 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Article 15 Fiscal Discrimination, Article 23 *b/s* and other relevant provisions are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Article 42;
    - bring issues that remain unresolved to the attention of the Joint Committee.
  - (iii) Present a written report annually to the Joint Committee noting progress made and difficulties encountered in the course of the past calendar year. It will focus on presenting:
    - trends in agricultural trade among CEFTA Parties;
    - agricultural policies applied in CEFTA Parties, particularly those introduced as part of their harmonisation with the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU, including harmonisation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures with the EU *acquis*;
    - problems encountered and solved and, in the light thereof, recommend priorities for further actions.

3. Members of the Sub-committee will be senior civil servants from Ministries responsible for agriculture and/or from respective administrations responsible for these issues.
4. The Sub-committee will communicate on a regular basis with the Sub-committee on Technical Barriers to Trade and Non-Tariff Barriers and the Sub-committee on Customs and Rules of Origin in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
5. The Sub-committee shall meet as necessary but at least once per year and shall report to the Joint Committee.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Ohrid on 28 September 2007, in the presence of representatives of:

Republic of Albania

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republic of Croatia

Republic of Macedonia

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Montenegro

Republic of Serbia

The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo  
in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244