

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
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**FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CZECH REPUBLIC
AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

The following communication, dated 25 April 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic with the request that it be circulated to the Contracting Parties.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with Article XXIV:7(a) of the General Agreement, the text of a Free Trade Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Slovenia with the annexes and protocols which form an integral part thereof.¹

The Free Trade Agreement is being applied provisionally since 1 January 1994 and will enter into force definitively when the respective ratification processes have been completed.

The Agreement aims at the progressive establishment of a free-trade area between the Parties in the sense of Article XXIV of the General Agreement. The free-trade area will be established over a transitional period ending on 1 January 1996, when duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce will have been abolished on substantially all the trade between the signatories.

The Free Trade Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Slovenia also contains provisions dealing with, *inter alia*, state aid, competition, public procurement and intellectual property rights. An evolutionary clause offers the possibility of extending the Agreement to areas not covered by it.

¹The text of the Agreement is being circulated as L/7447/Add.1. The Annexes and Protocols have been submitted to the Secretariat for consultation by interested contracting parties (Office 3006).