

## **FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HUNGARY AND LATVIA**

### Questions and Replies

#### Addendum

This document reproduces additional questions addressed to the Parties and the responses submitted. The questions and replies set out below are organized in accordance with document WT/REG84/3.

## **I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT**

### **3. Scope**

With regard to the reply for Question 2 in WT/REG84/4, "the question is not relevant in the context of Article XXIV review", whether the tariff line data is useful for the examination or not is a systemic issue and no conclusion has been drawn in the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) so far. We consider the tariff line data useful for the examination and request this data to be submitted.

We do maintain that information on tariff lines is not relevant in the context of Article XXIV review.

## **II. TRADE PROVISIONS**

### **1. Import Restrictions**

#### **1.2 Quantitative restrictions**

**Could the Parties confirm that the quantitative restrictions and measures on agricultural products have been abolished and that no such restrictions and measures exist at present?**

The reply to this additional question could be found in the reply to question 4. of document WT/REG84/4.

### **5. Safeguards**

With regard to the reply given to Question 9 in document WT/REG84/4 on the application of the global safeguard measures, the Parties explain that "the Agreement does not

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**effect the rights and obligations of the Parties in relation with safeguard measures applied *vis-à-vis* third parties". Could the Parties clarify whether safeguard measures will be applied among themselves?**

The Japanese delegation correctly quotes that the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) do not effect the rights and obligations of Parties in relation of safeguard measures applies *vis-à-vis* third parties. Possibility of applying safeguard measures by the Parties among themselves are provided for in Articles 14, 27 and 31 of the Hungarian-Latvian FTA in a way specified in the said provisions.

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