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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOLDOVA AND SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

Notification from Moldova

The following communication, dated 14 January 2005, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Moldova.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations at Geneva pursuant of Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT 1994, has the honour to inform the Members of the WTO that a Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and Serbia and Montenegro was signed on 13 November 2003 and entered into force on 1 September 2004.¹

The Free Trade Agreement contains provisions relating to trade in goods that are of relevance to the Members of the WTO.

The Agreement provides for the gradual establishment of a free-trade area between the Republic of Moldova and Serbia and Montenegro, in the sense of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT 1994. All duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce are eliminated on substantially all trade between the signatories.

Both Parties wish to express their willingness to contribute to the process of examination in accordance with the procedures agreed upon in the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements.

¹ The text of the Agreement will be circulated in document WT/REG190/1. The associated Annexes have been submitted to the Secretariat for consultation by interested Members (office 1174).