When applying for accession Bulgaria proposed (TBT/M/4, paragraph 39) that it might become a Party to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade on the terms set out below.

1. The Government of Bulgaria shall not nullify or impair, directly or indirectly, advantages which accrue to other Parties under the Agreement by taking action which, had it been a contracting party to the GATT, it would have been debarred from taking by virtue of its GATT obligations.

2. The Parties to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade shall not nullify or impair, directly or indirectly, advantages which accrue to the Government of Bulgaria under the Agreement by taking action which they would be debarred from taking by virtue of their GATT obligations, had the Government of Bulgaria been a contracting party to the GATT.