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NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT

TREATY ON A FREE TRADE AREA (BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES)[1]

1.	**Member(s) notifying:** The Russian Federation and the Republic of Moldova
2.	**Date of notification:** 7 June 2013
3.	**Notification pursuant to** **[X] Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994** **[ ] Article V:7(a) of GATS** **[ ] Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause**
4.	**Parties to the Agreement:** Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine
5.	**Date of signature:** 18 October 2011
6.	**Date(s) of entry into Force:** 20 September 2012: the Russian Federation, Belarus and Ukraine 17 October 2012: Armenia 8 December 2012: Kazakhstan 9 December 2012: the Republic of Moldova For the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan it will become effective after the completion of their internal ratification processes.
7.	**Brief description of the Agreement:** The Treaty establishes a free trade area for trade in goods, within the meaning of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994, and provides for elimination of substantially all duties. The Treaty also contains provisions regarding rules of origin; sanitary and phytosanitary measures; technical regulations; trade remedies; government procurement and dispute settlement.

[1] Article 23 of the Agreement states that:

"1. In relations among the Parties, for which this Treaty has entered into force, its provisions shall be applied while international treaties, specified in the list (Annex 5 to this Treaty which is its integral part), shall become ineffective.

2. The Parties have agreed that from the date of entry into force of this Treaty, they will take measures for terminating bilateral international treaties existing between them in the manner and within the terms stipulated by such treaties, unless the Parties have not agreed otherwise".

8.	**Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:** **[X] submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)** **[ ] available from the following official Internet link(s):**