



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION**

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of Belarus, hereinafter referred to as "The Contracting Parties";
Aspiring to promote and expand friendship and cooperation;

Desiring to further strengthen trade and economic relations between the two states on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

Recognizing the efforts of the Sultanate of Oman and of the Republic of Belarus to observe the rules and regulations generally applied in international trade including those of the World Trade Organization (WTO),

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with the national laws and regulations in force of the Sultanate of Oman and of the Republic of Belarus, take all necessary measures to ensure the development of trade and economic co-operation between the two countries on a long-term and stable basis.



Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall grant each other the Most-Favored-Nation treatment in all areas regarding:

- a. customs duties and charges of any kind applicable in respect of import and export, including the methods of levying such duties and charges;
- b. rules and procedures relating to import and export including rules and procedures relating to customs clearance, transit, warehousing and transshipment;
- c. methods of payment and the transfer of such payments for goods and services;
- d. rules relating to sale, purchase, transportation, distribution, storage and use of goods on the domestic market;
- e. taxes and internal charges of any kind applicable directly or indirectly in respect of imported goods;

Each Contracting Party shall accord to goods originating in or exported to the territory of the state of the other Contracting Party non-discriminatory treatment.

Article 3

The provisions of Article 2, however, shall not apply to:

- (a) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to neighboring states to facilitate frontier traffic;
- (b) advantages accorded to developing countries within the meaning of the WTO or the Generalized System of Preferences of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- (c) advantages resulting from the effective or possible participation of either Contracting Party in a Customs Union and/or Free Trade Area.



Article 4

Import and export of goods and services shall be carried out on the basis of contracts concluded between natural and legal persons of both countries of the Contracting Parties in accordance with their laws and regulations, and in accordance with international trade practice.

Neither of the Contracting Parties shall be responsible for liabilities of the natural and legal persons, resulting from the contracts.

Article 5

Payments for goods and services under the contracts mentioned in the Article 4 of this Agreement shall be effected in a freely convertible currency.

Article 6

The country of origin shall be considered, in accordance with the laws and regulations of each Contracting Party and with international agreements to which both Contracting Parties are members, as a country in which the product has been produced or has undergone sufficient processing.

The Contracting Parties reserve the right to request certificates of origin when importing any goods.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall:

- (a) apply national laws and regulations to goods which are admitted in the territory of their countries for re-export either in invariable form or after internal processing.
- (b) exempt in accordance with their respective laws and regulations in force in either country from customs duties upon their import and export the following :



- Samples and advertising materials of non-commercial value,
- Tools and articles brought in for assembly or repair purposes, provided that such tools and articles are re-exported,
- Goods for permanent and temporary fairs and exhibitions provided that such goods are re-exported,
- Specialized tools and equipment which are not readily available locally, for use in the construction of plants and other industrial structures imported by the undertaker of such construction, provided that such tools and equipment are re-exported.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between natural and legal persons of the countries of the Contracting Parties, in particular, through exchange of delegations, participation in fairs and exhibitions, exchange of information as well as opening of branch offices and representatives of foreign trade organizations, companies, firms, banks and other organizations in the territories of both countries in accordance with their laws and regulations.

Article 9

By mutual consent of the Contracting Parties, this Agreement may be subject to amendments made by Protocols which are an integral part of the Agreement.

Article 10

This Agreement is concluded for an unlimited period of time and shall come into force on the date of the exchange of written notifications made by the Contracting Parties that their respective internal procedures which are necessary for coming into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.



Either Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement by means of written notification to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels. The Agreement shall be considered as terminated after six months from the date when the other Contracting Party has received such notification.

After the termination of this Agreement, its provisions shall continue to apply to the contracts concluded during the period of validity of the Agreement but not fully executed on the date of termination of this Agreement.

Done at MUSCAT on this TUESDAY day of 24 OF MUSHARAM 1425 AH, corresponding to MARCH day of 16, 2004 AD, in two original duplicates in the Arabic, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of any divergence in interpreting the provisions of this Agreement the text in English shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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