

**OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS****UNDERSTANDING ON ARTICLE 4 OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON TRADE IN GOODS UNDER THE FRAMEWORK  
AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF  
INDIA AND THE ASSOCIATION OF  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS**

The Government of the Republic of India (India) and the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia (Cambodia), the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar (Myanmar), the Republic of the Philippines (the Philippines), the Republic of Singapore (Singapore), the Kingdom of Thailand (Thailand) and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam), Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (collectively, "ASEAN" or "ASEAN Member States", or individually, "ASEAN Member State") refer to the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Republic of India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (as amended), and set out below their common understanding:

The Parties affirm their understanding that the commitments under Article 4 of the Agreement on Trade in Goods do not prevent a Party from taking measures in conformity with Article 12 of the Agreement on Trade in Goods.

The Parties further note their understanding that such measures may include measures based on domestic laws and regulations taken in accordance with the *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal*, adopted in Basel, Switzerland on 22 March 1989 or other agreements as provided for in Article 16 of the Agreement on Trade in Goods.

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