

ARTICLE 15

[GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT]

1. The Parties agree to endeavor to eliminate all restrictions relating to government procurement.
2. The United States shall waive all Buy National restrictions with respect to government agency purchases of a contract value of \$50,000 or more which would be subject to the Agreement on Government Procurement at the time of entry into force of this Agreement but for the threshold provided for in Article I'(l) (b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement.
3. Israel shall waive all Buy National restrictions with respect to government agency purchases of a contract value of \$50,000 or more which would be subject to the Agreement on Government Procurement at the time of entry into force of this Agreement but for the threshold provided for in Article I (1)(b) of the Agreement on Government Procurement and by the Ministry of Defense subject to exceptions comparable in character and extent to those included in the United States' entity list of the Agreement on Government Procurement with regard to the Department of Defense.
4. In implementing paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article the Parties shall apply the provisions of the Agreement on Government Procurement.
5. Israel shall relax offset requirements on purchases by government agencies other than the Ministry of Defense.
6. The provisions of this Article with respect to offset requirements and to purchases by government agencies other than Israel's Ministry of Defense and the United States Department of Defense shall be effective one year from the date of entry into force of this Agreement. The provisions of this Article with respect to purchases by Israel's Ministry of Defense and the United States Department of Defense shall be effective one year from the entry into force of this Agreement or one year from the completion by Israel of a list of the exceptions referred to in paragraph 3, whichever is later.
7. The Parties agree to consider promptly further trade liberalizing measures in regard to both government procurement and offset requirements in the context of the Joint Committee established by this Agreement. In particular it is agreed that should the entity coverage of the Agreement on Government Procurement be expanded, priority consideration will be given to expanding this Agreement to apply to those purchases.