

Agreement on the European Economic Area

PART II

**FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS**

CHAPTER 3

**COOPERATION IN CUSTOMS-RELATED  
MATTERS AND TRADE FACILITATION**

*Article 21*

1. In order to facilitate trade between them, the Contracting Parties shall simplify border controls and formalities. Arrangements for this purpose are set out in Protocol 10.
2. The Contracting Parties shall assist each other in customs matters in order to ensure that customs legislation is correctly applied. Arrangements for this purpose are set out in Protocol 11.
3. The Contracting Parties shall strengthen and broaden cooperation with the aim of simplifying the procedures for trade in goods, in particular in the context of Community programmes, projects and actions aimed at trade facilitation, in accordance with the rules set out in Part VI.
4. Notwithstanding Article 8(3), this Article shall apply to all products.