



The Fundamental Freedoms: The Free Movement of Goods (Art. 23 - 31 EC)

Foreign Trade

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Introduction

- The main objective of the EU is to promote a harmonious development of economic activities:
 - Continuous and balanced expansion
 - Increase in stability, an accelerated raising of standard of living
 - Closer relations between the states belonging to it
- For reaching this objective it is required to establish a Common Market by allowing goods to move freely within EU States.

The Fundamental Freedoms

- In European Union law, the *Four Freedoms* is a common term for a set of Treaty provisions.
- They protect the ability of goods, capital, services, people and labor to move freely within the internal market of the European Union.

There are four Fundamental Freedoms:

1. The free movement of goods
2. The free movement of capital
3. The free movement of services
4. The free movement of persons

Free Movement of Goods

- The Creation of Internal Market requires removing all internal barriers (physical, technical and fiscal), which allows goods move freely within the Community.
 - The objective of the EU is to establish a Common Market which is built on a Customs Union.
1. First basic concept of a Customs Unions is the free movement of goods produced in Member States.
 2. Second concept is the Common Customs Duties.
 3. Third is the free movement of goods from a third country.

Legislation (Art. 23 - 31)

Part Three

Community Polices

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Free movement of Goods

Articles 23, 24

Chapter 1

The Customs Union

Articles 25, 26, 27

Chapter 2

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Articles 28, 29, 30, 31

Conclusion

- Free movement of goods notion goes beyond the concept of Free Trade Area.
- The Free movement of goods is the cornerstone of the European Community and appears at the heart of the Treaty of Rome.
- Free movement of goods will promote efficiency in production, because it will permit producers in different countries to compete directly with each other.



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