

CHAPTER ELEVEN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Article 11.1: Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee composed of relevant government officials of each Party. It shall be co-chaired by ministerial level officials of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of Korea, and the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines, or their respective designees.

2. The Joint Committee shall:

- (a) supervise the implementation of this Agreement;
- (b) supervise and coordinate the work of all committees, working groups, and other bodies established under this Agreement;
- (c) review the implementation and operation of this Agreement;
- (d) consider ways to further enhance trade and investment relations between the Parties;
- (e) without prejudice to the procedures under Chapter Nine (Dispute Settlement), seek to resolve problems or disputes that may arise relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement; and
- (f) carry out any other function relating to the areas covered by this Agreement as the Parties may agree.

3. The Joint Committee may:

- (a) establish and delegate responsibilities to committees, working groups, or other bodies as it considers necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks;
- (b) consider and adopt amendments to this Agreement, including its annexes and appendices, subject to the completion of the respective applicable legal procedures of the Parties;
- (c) adopt interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement;

(d) adopt its own rules of procedure; and

(e) make recommendations to the Parties.

4. When a Party submits information considered as confidential under its laws and regulations to the Joint Committee, committees, working groups, or any other body, the other Party shall treat that information as confidential.

Article 11.2: Procedures of the Joint Committee

1. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Joint Committee shall meet within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement and, thereafter, convene:

(a) in regular session every year, with such sessions to be held alternately in the territory of each Party; and

(b) in special session within 30 days from the receipt of a request from either Party, with such sessions to be held in the territory of the other Party or at such other location as the Parties may agree.

2. The meetings of the Joint Committee may be held in person or, if agreed by the Parties, by any technological means available to them.

3. All decisions and recommendations of the Joint Committee shall be taken by mutual agreement.

Article 11.3: Committees and Working Groups

1. The following Committees, working groups, or any other bodies may be established under the auspices of the Joint Committee:

(a) Committee on Trade in Goods;

(b) Committee on Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures;

(c) Committee on Outward Processing Zones;

(d) Committee on Trade Remedies; and

(e) Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

2. The composition, frequency of meetings, and functions of the committees, working groups, or any other bodies shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement or as determined by the Joint Committee consistent with this Agreement.

3. The committees, working groups, or any other bodies shall inform the Joint Committee of their schedules and agenda sufficiently in advance of their meetings. They shall report to the Joint Committee on their activities at each regular meeting of the Joint Committee.

4. The Joint Committee may decide to change or undertake the task assigned to a committee, working group or any other body or may dissolve a committee, working group, or any other body in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Agreement.

Article 11.4: Contact Points

1. In order to facilitate communications between the Parties on any trade matter covered by this Agreement, the Parties hereby establish the following contact points:

- (a) for Korea, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, or its successor; and
- (b) for the Philippines, the Department of Trade and Industry, or its successor.

2. Upon request of either Party, the contact point of the other Party shall indicate the office or official responsible for any matter relating to the implementation of this Agreement and provide the required support to facilitate communications with the requesting Party. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party of any change in its contact point.