

CHAPTER 11

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 11.1: Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee.
2. The Joint Committee may meet at the level of Ministers or senior officials, as mutually determined by the Parties. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by senior government officials of the Parties, unless the Parties agree to convene the meeting at ministerial level. Each Party shall be responsible for the composition of its delegation.
3. The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to:
 - (a) review the general functioning of this Agreement;
 - (b) review, consider and, as appropriate, decide on specific matters related to the operation, application and implementation of this Agreement, including matters reported by committees or working groups established under this Agreement;
 - (c) supervise the work of committees, working groups and contact points established under this Agreement;
 - (d) seek to resolve differences or disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement including matters referred to the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 12.4; and
 - (e) carry out any other functions as the Parties may agree.
4. The Joint Committee may:
 - (a) consider and recommend to the Parties any amendment to this Agreement or other modification or rectification to the commitments therein, in accordance to the necessary domestic legal procedures by each Party⁷;
 - (b) adopt any decisions and recommendations of the committees if necessary;
 - (c) as appropriate, issue interpretations of the Agreement;
 - (d) seek technical advice of relevant experts on matters covered by this Agreement; and
 - (e) delegate any of its functions to committees and working groups established under this Agreement.

⁷Chile shall implement any amendment or other modification approved by the Joint Committee of the following provisions of the Agreement through executive agreements, in accordance with the *Constitución Política de la República de Chile*:

- (i) the Schedules attached to Annex 3 (Reduction and/or Elimination of Customs Duties), to accelerate tariff elimination; and
- (ii) the rules of origin established in Annexes 4-A (Operational Certification Procedure) and 4-B (Product Specific Rules).



Article 11.2: Meetings of the Joint Committee

1. The Joint Committee shall meet:
 - (a) within the first year of entry into force of this Agreement; and
 - (b) thereafter at such frequency as the Parties may agree.
2. The Joint Committee shall meet alternately in the territory of each Party, unless the Parties otherwise agree.
3. The Joint Committee shall also meet in special session within 30 days of the request of a Party, with such sessions to be held in the territory of the other Party or at such location as may be agreed by the Parties.
4. All decisions of the Joint Committee shall be taken by mutual agreement.
5. The Joint Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure

