

Article 127
Cooperation on the Promotion of Competition

1. The Parties shall, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, cooperate on the promotion of competition by addressing anti-competitive activities, and on the capacity building for strengthening competition policy and implementation of competition laws and regulations, subject to their respective available resources.
2. The details and procedures of cooperation under this Article shall be specified in the Implementing Agreement.

Article 128
Non-Discrimination

Each Party shall apply its competition laws and regulations in a manner which does not discriminate between persons in like circumstances on the basis of their nationality.

Article 129
Procedural Fairness

Each Party shall implement administrative and judicial procedures in a fair manner to address anti-competitive activities, pursuant to its relevant laws and regulations.

Article 130
Non-Application of Paragraph 2 of Article 9

Paragraph 2 of Article 9 shall not apply to this Chapter.

Chapter 12
Improvement of Business Environment
and Promotion of Business Confidence

Article 131
Basic Principles

1. The Parties, confirming their interest in creating a more favourable business environment with a view to promoting trade and investment activities by enterprises of the Parties, shall from time to time have consultations in order to address issues concerning the improvement of the business environment in the Parties and to facilitate the promotion of the business confidence among enterprises of the Parties.

2. Each Party shall, in accordance with its laws and regulations, take appropriate measures to further improve the business environment for the benefit of the enterprises of the Parties conducting their business activities in the Parties.

3. The Parties shall, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, promote cooperation to further improve the business environment in their respective Parties and take necessary measures including establishing such mechanisms as provided for in subparagraph 1(j) of Article 15 and Article 133.

Article 132
Sub-Committee on Improvement of Business Environment
and Promotion of Business Confidence

1. For the purposes of the effective implementation and operation of this Chapter, the functions of the Sub-Committee on Improvement of Business Environment and Promotion of Business Confidence(hereinafter referred to in this Article as "the Sub-Committee") established in accordance with Article 15 shall be:

- (a) addressing issues in relation to the improvement of business environment and the promotion of the business confidence that the Sub-Committee considers appropriate, taking into account, as necessary, the findings reported by a Liaison Office on Improvement of Business Environment established in accordance with Article 133, and in cooperation with other relevant Sub-Committees or existing mechanisms with a view to avoiding unnecessary overlap with the works of such Sub-Committees or mechanisms;
- (b) reporting the findings and making recommendations to the Parties, including the measures to be taken by the Parties, regarding such functions as referred to in subparagraph (a). The Parties shall take into consideration such recommendations. The Sub-Committee may consult with the Joint Committee prior to the submission of recommendations to the Parties;
- (c) where appropriate, reviewing the implementation of the recommendations referred to in subparagraph (b);

- (d) making available, where appropriate, to enterprises of the Parties the recommendations referred to in subparagraph (b) and the results of the review referred to in subparagraph (c) in an appropriate manner;
- (e) reporting the recommendations referred to in subparagraph (b) and other findings in relation to the implementation and operation of this Chapter to the Joint Committee; and
- (f) carrying out other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Committee in accordance with Article 14.

2. The other details of the Sub-Committee may be set forth in the Implementing Agreement.

Article 133
Liaison Office on Improvement of Business Environment

1. Each Party shall designate and maintain a Liaison Office on Improvement of Business Environment for the purposes of this Chapter.
2. The functions and other details of the Liaison Office on Improvement of Business Environment may be set forth in the Implementing Agreement.

Chapter 13
Cooperation

Article 134
Basic Principles

The Parties shall promote cooperation under this Agreement for their mutual benefits in order to liberalize and facilitate trade and investment between the Parties and to promote the well-being of the peoples of the Parties. For this purpose, the Parties shall cooperate between the Governments of the Parties and, where necessary and appropriate, encourage and facilitate cooperation between the parties other than the Governments of the Parties, in the following fields:

- (a) manufacturing industries;
- (b) agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
- (c) trade and investment promotion;