

CHAPTER 7

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 7.1: JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee comprising representatives of Turkey, on the one hand, and representatives of Korea, on the other.
2. The Joint Committee shall meet once a year or on request of either Party in Ankara or Seoul alternately. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by the Minister of Economy of Turkey and the Minister for Trade of Korea; or their respective designees. The Joint Committee shall agree on its meeting schedule and set its agenda.
3. The Joint Committee shall:
 - (a) ensure that the Turkey-Korea FTA operates properly;
 - (b) supervise and facilitate the implementation and application of the Turkey-Korea FTA, and further its general aims;
 - (c) supervise the work of all committees, working groups and other bodies established under the Turkey-Korea FTA;
 - (d) consider ways to further enhance trade relations between the Parties;
 - (e) without prejudice to the rights conferred in Chapter 6 (Dispute Settlement), seek appropriate ways and methods of forestalling problems which might arise in areas covered by the Turkey-Korea FTA, or of resolving disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of the Turkey-Korea FTA;
 - (f) study the development of trade between the Parties; and
 - (g) consider any other matter of interest relating to an area covered by the Turkey-Korea FTA.
4. The Joint Committee may:
 - (a) decide to establish and delegate responsibilities to committees, working groups or other bodies;
 - (b) communicate with all interested parties including private sector and civil society organisations;
 - (c) decide to recommend to the Parties amendments to the Turkey-Korea FTA;
 - (d) adopt interpretations of the provisions of the Turkey-Korea FTA;

- (e) make recommendations or adopt decisions as envisaged by the Turkey-Korea FTA;
- (f) adopt its own rules of procedure; and
- (g) take such other actions in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.

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

ARTICLE 7.2: COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

1. The committees, working groups or any other bodies may be established under the auspices of the Joint Committee.
2. The composition, frequency of meetings, and functions of the committees, working groups or any other bodies may be established either by relevant provisions of the Turkey-Korea FTA or by the Joint Committee acting consistently with the Turkey-Korea FTA.
3. The committees, working groups or any other bodies shall inform the Joint Committee of their schedule 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. The creation or existence of a committee, a working group or any other body shall not prevent either Party from bringing any matter directly to the Joint Committee.
4. The Joint Committee may decide to change or undertake the task assigned to a committee, a working group or any other body; or may dissolve a committee, a working group or any other body.

ARTICLE 7.3: DECISION-MAKING

1. The Joint Committee shall, for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Turkey-Korea FTA, have the power to take decisions in respect of all matters in the cases provided by the Turkey-Korea FTA, without prejudice to the Parties' respective applicable legal requirements and procedures.
2. The decisions taken shall be binding on the Parties, which shall take the necessary measures to implement the decisions taken in accordance with their respective applicable legal requirements and procedures. The Joint Committee may also make appropriate recommendations.
3. The Joint Committee shall draw up its decisions and recommendations by agreement between the Parties.

ARTICLE 7.4: AMENDMENTS

The Parties may agree, in writing, to amend the Turkey-Korea FTA. An amendment shall enter into force after the Parties exchange written notifications certifying that they have completed their respective applicable legal requirements and procedures, or on such other date as the Parties may agree.

ARTICLE 7.5: CONTACT POINTS

1. In order to facilitate communication between the Parties on any trade matter covered by the Turkey-Korea FTA, the Parties hereby establish the following contact points:

- (a) for Turkey, the Ministry of Economy, or its successor; and
- (b) for Korea, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, or its successor.

2. On request of either Party, the contact point of the other Party shall indicate the office or official responsible for any matter pertaining to the implementation of the Turkey-Korea FTA, and provide the required support to facilitate communication with the requesting Party. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any changes in its contact point in due time.