

CHAPTER 13

ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 13.1: Establishment of the China-Cambodia Free Trade Area Joint Commission

The Parties hereby establish the China-Cambodia Free Trade Area Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Commission") comprising representatives of both Parties as follows:

- (a) in the case of China, the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM); and
- (b) in the case of Cambodia, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

Article 13.2: Functions of the Joint Commission

The Joint Commission shall:

- (a) review, monitor, oversee, supervise and coordinate the implementation and operation of this Agreement and all legal instruments under it;
- (b) consider and recommend to any amendments to this Agreement and all legal instruments under it;
- (c) negotiate amendments to or any matter arising from the operation of this Agreement and all legal instruments under it;
- (d) supervise and coordinate the work of Committees under this Agreement and all legal instruments under it;
- (e) adopt, where appropriate, decisions and recommendations of Committees pursuant to this Agreement and all legal instruments under it;
- (f) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement and all legal instruments under it or that is entrusted to it by the Parties; and
- (g) carry out any other functions as the Parties may agree.

Article 13.3: Rules of Procedure of the Joint Commission

1. The Joint Commission shall convene the first session within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement and the following sessions at least once every two years on a regular basis, or as otherwise mutually determined by the Parties.
2. When special circumstances arise, the Parties shall, at the request of a Party, meet at any time upon agreement by both Parties.
3. Regular sessions of the Joint Commission shall be held alternately in the territory of each Party and chaired successively by each Party.

Article 13.4: Establishment of the Committees

1. The following Committees are hereby established under the auspices of the Joint Commission:

- (a) The Committee on Trade in Goods;
- (b) The Committee on Trade in Services;
- (c) The Committee on Rules of Origin;
- (d) The Committee on Customs Procedure and Trade Facilitation;
- (e) The Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures;
- (f) The Committee on Investment Cooperation; and
- (g) The Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

2. All decisions made by the Committees shall be subject to the endorsement of the Joint Commission.

3. The Committees shall convene in regular session every 2 years at the same time the Joint Commission convenes. When special circumstances arise, the Parties shall meet at any time upon agreement at the request of one Party. Regular sessions of the Committees shall be chaired successively by each Party. Other sessions of the Committee shall be chaired by the Party hosting the meeting.

Article 13.5: Functions of the Committees

The Committees shall act to as follows:

- (a) ensure the proper function of respective Chapters in this Agreement and resolve issues arising from the application of respective areas;
- (b) review the interpretation and implementation of respective Chapters;
- (c) identify areas related to respective Chapters in this Agreement to be improved;
- (d) make recommendations and report to the Joint Commission; and
- (e) carry out any other functions as may be delegated by the Joint Commission.