

## **CHAPTER 14 GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 108 Scope of Application**

This Agreement shall apply to:

- (a) in respect of the People's Republic of China, the entire customs territory of the People's Republic of China according to the WTO definition at the time of her accession to the WTO on 11 December 2001. For this purpose, for the People's Republic of China, "territory" in this Agreement refers to the customs territory of the People's Republic of China; and
- (b) in respect of the Republic of Singapore, its land territory, internal waters and territorial sea and any maritime area situated beyond the territorial sea which has been or might in the future be designated under its national law, in accordance with international law, as an area within which Singapore may exercise rights with regards to the sea, the sea-bed, the subsoil and the natural resources.

### **ARTICLE 109 State, Regional and Local Government**

In fulfilling its obligations and commitments under this Agreement, each Party shall ensure their observance by regional and local governments and authorities in its territory as well as their observance by non-governmental bodies (in the exercise of powers delegated by central, state, regional or local governments or authorities) within its territory.

### **ARTICLE 110 Contact Point**

Each Party shall designate a contact point to facilitate communications between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement. On the request of a Party, the contact point of the requested Party shall facilitate communication with the requesting Party.

### **ARTICLE 111 Implementation and Review**

1. The Parties shall establish an FTA Joint Committee to be chaired jointly by their respective Ministers or their designees, in order to supervise the implementation of this Agreement and also to review this Agreement.

2. The FTA Joint Committee may establish and delegate responsibilities to *ad hoc* and standing committees or working groups based on mutually agreed terms of reference and composition thereof.

3. The FTA Joint Committee shall:

- (a) monitor and review the general functioning of this Agreement;
- (b) review specific matters related to the operation and implementation of this Agreement;
- (c) study and recommend appropriate measures to resolve any issues arising from the implementation or application of any part of this Agreement;
- (d) consider, at either Party's request, further concessions or issues not already dealt with by this Agreement;
- (e) facilitate the avoidance and settlement of disputes arising under this Agreement, including through consultations pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 12 (Dispute Settlement);
- (f) consider and adopt any amendment to this Agreement or other modification to the commitments therein, subject to the completion of necessary domestic legal procedures by each Party;
- (g) as appropriate, issue interpretations of this Agreement;
- (h) consider ways to further the objectives of this Agreement; and/or
- (i) take such other actions as the Parties may agree.

4. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the FTA Joint Committee shall convene:

- (a) within a year of the date of entry into force of this Agreement and then in regular session every year, with such sessions to be held alternately in the territory of each Party; and
- (b) in special session within thirty (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.

5. Each Party shall treat any confidential information exchanged in relation to a meeting of the FTA Joint Committee on the same basis as the Party providing the information.

6. The FTA Joint Committee may, as it deems necessary, refer any matter arising under this Agreement, for joint consideration and decision by higher authorities.

## **ARTICLE 112**

### **Relation to Other Agreements**

1. The Parties affirm their existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under existing bilateral and multilateral agreements to which both Parties are parties, including the WTO Agreement.

2. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other agreement to which both Parties are parties, the Parties shall immediately consult with each other with a view to finding a mutually satisfactory solution.

## **ARTICLE 113**

### **Annexes**

The Annexes to this Agreement shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 114**

### **Amendments**

This Agreement may be amended by agreement in writing by the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 115**

### **Entry into Force, Duration and Termination**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the 30th day after the date on which the Parties have exchanged written notifications confirming the completion of their respective domestic procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Parties shall complete their respective domestic procedures, and give their respective written notifications, to enable the entry into force of this Agreement by 1 January 2009.

2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notification to the other Party, and such termination shall take effect six (6) months after the date of the notification.

3. Within thirty (30) days of delivery of a notification under paragraph 2, either Party may request consultations regarding whether the termination of any provision of this Agreement should take effect at a later date than provided under paragraph 2. Such consultations shall commence within thirty (30) days of a Party's delivery of such request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed this Agreement.

Done at Beijing, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2008, in duplicate in both the Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE