

CHAPTER 7

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 70

The Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish the China-Serbia FTA Joint Committee. It shall be composed of representatives of the Parties, which shall be headed by senior officials delegated by them for this purpose.

2. The Joint Committee shall:

(a) supervise and review the implementation of this Agreement, *inter alia* by means of a comprehensive review of the application of the provisions of this Agreement, with due regard to any specific reviews stipulated in this Agreement;

(b) keep under review the possibility of further removal of barriers to trade and other restrictive measures concerning trade between the Parties;

(c) oversee the further development of this Agreement;

(d) supervise the work of all sub-committees and working groups established under this Agreement;

(e) endeavour to resolve disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement; and

(f) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement².

3. The Joint Committee may decide to set up such sub-committees and working groups as it considers necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks. Except where otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the sub-committees and working groups shall work under a mandate established by the Joint Committee.

4. The Joint Committee shall take decisions as provided for in this Agreement, and may make recommendations, by consensus.

5. The Joint Committee shall meet within one year of the entry into force of this Agreement. Thereafter, it shall meet whenever necessary upon mutual agreement but normally every two years. Its meetings shall be chaired jointly. The Joint Committee shall establish its rules of procedure.

6. Each Party may request at any time, through a notice in writing to the other Party, that a special meeting of the Joint Committee be held. Such a meeting shall take place within 30 days of receipt of the request, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

7. The Joint Committee shall, in accordance with Article 90 (Amendments) consider proposals for any amendments to this Agreement submitted by a Party and recommend to the Parties amendments for adoption.

² Both Parties agree to cooperate in health and traditional Chinese medicine under this Agreement as set out in Annex 6 (Health Cooperation/TCM Cooperation).

ARTICLE 71

Contact Points

For the purpose of facilitating communication between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement, the Parties shall designate and duly update the administrative entities responsible for foreign trade to serve as contact points.