

CHAPTER 13

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 13.1

The Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish the Joint India-EFTA Committee comprising representatives of each Party. The Parties shall be represented by senior government officials delegated by them for this purpose.
2. The Joint Committee shall:
 - (a) supervise and review the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (b) consider the possibility of further removal of barriers to trade and other restrictive measures concerning trade between the EFTA States and India;
 - (c) oversee the further elaboration 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 Agreement.
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 specifically 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 may take decisions as provided for in this Agreement. On all matters related to this Agreement the Joint Committee may make recommendations.
5. The Joint Committee shall take decisions and make recommendations by consensus.
6. The Joint Committee shall meet within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement. Thereafter, it shall meet whenever necessary but normally once every two years. The regular meetings of the Joint Committee shall be chaired jointly by one of the EFTA States and India. The Joint Committee shall establish its rules of procedure.
7. A Party may request at any time, through a notice in writing to the other Parties, that a special meeting of the Joint Committee be held. Such a meeting shall take

place within 30 days from receipt of the request, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Article 13.2
Contact Points

Upon entry into force of this Agreement, each Party shall designate a contact point to facilitate communications between the Parties on any matter relating to this Agreement and shall promptly notify the other Parties of any change in contact point.