Article 1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

AEM + **Korea** means the Economic Ministers of the ASEAN Member Countries and the Minister for Trade of Korea:

applied MFN tariff rates:

- (a) in the case of the ASEAN Member Countries which are WTO members as of 1 January 2005 and Korea, means their respective applied rates as of 1 January 2005; and
- (b) in the case of ASEAN Member Countries which are non-WTO members as of 1 January 2005, refer to the rates as applied to Korea as of 1 January 2005;

ASEAN means the Association of Southeast Asian Nations which comprises of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand¹ and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

ASEAN–Korea FTA means the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area established by the Framework Agreement and other relevant agreements stipulated in paragraph 1 of Article 1.4 of the Framework Agreement;

ASEAN Member Countries means Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand¹ and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam collectively;

ASEAN Member Country means Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand¹ or the Socialist Republic of Vietnam individually;



Article 1
Definitions

根据本协定之宗旨,除非上下文另有要求:

AEM + 韩国是指东盟成员国经济部长和韩国贸易部长;

适用最惠国关税税率:

(a) 对于截至2005年1月1日为世界贸易组织成员的东盟成员国和韩国,指其截至2005年1月1日分别适用的税率;以及(b)对于截至2005年1月1日非世界贸易组织成员的东盟成员国,参考截至2005年1月1日适用于韩国的税率。

东盟是指东南亚国家联盟,它由文莱达鲁萨兰国、柬埔寨王国、印度尼西亚共和国、老挝人民民主共和国、马来西亚、缅甸联邦、菲律宾共和国、新加坡共和国、泰国王国和越南社会主义共和国组成;

东盟-韩国自由贸易协定是指由框架协议及其他相关协议,即框架协议第 1.4条第1段中规定的协议所建立的东盟-韩国自由贸易区;

东盟成员国是指文莱达鲁萨兰国、柬埔寨王国、印度尼西亚共和国、老 挝人民民主共和国、马来西亚、缅甸联邦、菲律宾共和国、新加坡共和 国、泰国王国¹ 和越南社会主义共和国;

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¹ For the purpose of this Agreement the Kingdom of Thailand is included in the reference of this term only after the relevant signature on her behalf has been appended.

¹为执行本协定之目的,泰国王国仅在相关文件上签字后,才被包括在本术语的指称范围内。

ASEAN 6 means Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand¹;

Framework Agreement means the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the ASEAN Member Countries and the Republic of Korea;

GATT 1994 means the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, including its Notes and Supplementary Provisions, which is a part of the WTO Agreement;

Implementing Committee means the Implementing Committee established under Article 5.3 of the Framework Agreement;

Korea means the Republic of Korea;

new ASEAN Member Countries means the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic, the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

non-tariff measures shall include non-tariff barriers;

Parties means the ASEAN Member Countries and Korea collectively;

Party means an ASEAN Member Country or Korea;

WTO means the World Trade Organisation; and

WTO Agreement means the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation, done on 15 April 1994 and the other agreements negotiated thereunder.

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东盟6国是指文莱达鲁萨兰国、印度尼西亚共和国、马来西亚、菲律宾共和国、新加坡共和国和泰国王国¹;

框架协议是指东盟成员国和大韩民国之间的全面经济合作框架协议;

GATT 1994是指1994年关税及贸易总协定,包括其注释和补充规定,它是世界贸易组织协定的一部分;

实施委员会是指根据框架协议第5.3条设立的实施委员会;

Korea是指大韩民国;

new ASEAN Member Countries是指柬埔寨王国、老挝人民民主共和国、缅甸联邦和越南社会主义共和国;

非关税措施应包括非关税壁垒;

缔约方是指东盟成员国和韩国的集合;

一方是指东盟成员国或韩国;

WTO是指世界贸易组织; 和

世界贸易组织协定是指马拉喀什建立世界贸易组织协定,该协定于1994年4月15日签署,以及根据该协定谈判的其他协定。

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Article 2 National Treatment on Internal Taxation and Regulation

Each Party shall accord national treatment to the goods of all the other Parties in accordance with Article III of GATT 1994. To this end, the provisions of Article III of GATT 1994 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be incorporated into and form an integral part of this Agreement.



条款2内部税收和国民待遇

每一方应根据GATT1994第三条给予所有其他方的货物以国民待遇。为此,GATT1994第三条的规定应在不改变实质内容的情况下,并入本协定并成为其不可分割的一部分。



Article 3 Tariff Reduction and Elimination

- 1. The tariff reduction or elimination programme of the Parties shall require the applied MFN tariff rates on goods under listed tariff lines to be gradually reduced and, where applicable, eliminated in accordance with this Article.
- 2. All tariff lines are subject to the tariff reduction or elimination programme under this Agreement and shall be categorised as follows:
 - Normal Track: tariff lines placed in the Normal Track by each Party on its own accord shall have their respective applied MFN tariff rates gradually reduced and eliminated in accordance with the modalities set out in Annex 1 with the objective of achieving the targets prescribed in the thresholds therein; and
 - (b) Sensitive Track: tariff lines placed in the Sensitive Track by each Party on its own accord shall have their respective applied MFN tariff rates reduced or eliminated in accordance with the modalities set out in Annex 2.
- 3. Subject to Annexes 1 and 2, all commitments undertaken by each Party under this Article shall be applied to all the other Parties.

条款3 关税减让和消除

- 1. 各缔约方的关税减让或消除计划应要求对列名的关税线项下的商品适用最惠国关税税率逐步减让,并在适用的情况下根据本条款予以消除。
- 2. 所有关税线均适用本协定项下的关税减让或消除计划, 并应按如下方式分类:
 - (a) 常规轨道:各缔约方自行将其置于常规轨道的关税线,应分别根据附件1中规定的程序逐步减让和消除其适用最惠国关税税率,以实现其中规定的门槛目标;以及(b) 敏感轨道:各缔约方自行将其置于敏感轨道的关税线,应分别根据附件2中规定的程序减让或消除其适用最惠国关税税率。
- 3. 根据附件1和2的规定,本条款下每一方所做出的所有承诺应适用于所有其他方。





Article 4 Transparency

Article X of GATT 1994 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be incorporated into and form an integral part of this Agreement.

第4条 透明

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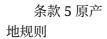
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Article 5 Rules of Origin

The Rules of Origin and the Operational Certification Procedures applicable to the goods covered under this Agreement are set out in Annex 3 and its Appendices.



原产地规则和适用于本协定项下货物的操作认证程序载于附件3及其 附件中。





Article 6 Modification of Concessions

- 1. The Parties shall not nullify or impair any of the concessions under this Agreement, except in cases provided for in this Agreement.
- 2. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude any Party from negotiating and entering into arrangements to accelerate the implementation of concessions made under this Agreement or to incorporate new goods into such concessions, provided that such arrangements are mutually agreed upon and applied to all the other Parties.
- 3. Any Party may, by negotiation and agreement with any other Party to which it has made a concession, modify or withdraw such concession made under this Agreement. In such negotiations and agreement, which may include provision for compensatory adjustment with respect to other goods, the Parties concerned shall maintain a general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions not less favourable to trade than that provided for in this Agreement prior to such agreement.
- 4. Any agreement by the Parties to modify or withdraw concessions made in the tariff reduction or elimination programme in accordance with paragraph 3, or to accelerate the elimination of tariffs in such programme or to incorporate goods into such programme in accordance with paragraph 2, shall supersede any tariff rate or track determined pursuant to the tariff reduction or elimination programme for that good as set out in Annexes 1 and 2, shall be treated as an amendment to the relevant Annexes and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure under Article 17.

第6条 让步的修改

- 1. 缔约方不得使本协定项下的任何让步失效或受损,除非本协定另有规定。
- 2. 本协定任何条款均不得阻止任何一方谈判并达成安排,以加速实施本协定项下作出的让步或将该协定项下让步纳入新的商品,前提是该等安排经各方同意并适用于所有其他方。
- 3. 任何一方可通过与已向其作出让步的任何其他方谈判并达成协议,修 改或撤回本协定项下作出的让步。在此类谈判和协议中,可能包括对其 他商品的补偿性调整条款,有关各方应维持互惠和互利的让步总体水平, 该水平不低于本协定在达成此类协议之前为贸易提供的让步水平。
- 4. 任何缔约方根据第3段修改或撤回关税减让或消除计划中所作的让步, 或根据第2段加速消除该计划中的关税,或将商品纳入该计划,所作的协 定,应取代根据关税减让或消除计划为该商品所确定的任何关税税率或 轨道,应被视为对相关附件的修正案,并应根据第17条规定的程序生效。





Article 7 WTO Disciplines

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement and any future agreements as may be agreed pursuant to the reviews of this Agreement by the Parties under Article 15, the Parties² hereby agree and reaffirm their commitments to abide by the provisions of the WTO disciplines as set out in Annexes 1A and 1C to the WTO Agreement, which include, among others, non-tariff measures, technical barriers to trade (hereinafter referred to as "TBT"), sanitary and phytosanitary (hereinafter referred to as "SPS") measures, subsidies and countervailing measures, anti-dumping measures and intellectual property rights.

 2 Non-WTO Members of ASEAN shall abide by the WTO provisions in accordance with their accession commitments to the WTO.



Article 7 WTO Disciplines

根据本协定及任何未来可能根据第15条对协定进行审议并经缔约方同意的协定之规定,缔约方²兹同意并重申其遵守世界贸易组织协定附件1A和1C中所列世界贸易组织纪律的承诺,其中包括但不限于非关税措施、技术性贸易壁垒(以下简称"TBT")、卫生与植物卫生措施(以下简称"SPS")、补贴和反补贴措施、反倾销措施及知识产权。



² 东盟非世界贸易组织成员应当根据其加入世界贸易组织的承诺遵守世界贸易组织的规定。

Article 8 Quantitative Restrictions and Non-Tariff Barriers and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

- 1. Each Party undertakes not to adopt or maintain any prohibition or quantitative restriction on the importation of any goods of the other Parties or on the exportation of any goods destined for the territory of the other Parties, except in accordance with its WTO rights and obligations or other provisions in this Agreement.
- 2. Each Party shall ensure the transparency of its non-tariff measures that they are not prepared, adopted or applied with a view to or with the effect of creating unnecessary obstacles to trade among the Parties. The Parties shall identify non-tariff barriers other than quantitative restrictions for elimination as soon as possible after the entry into force of this Agreement. The timeframe for elimination of these non-tariff barriers shall be mutually agreed upon by all the Parties.
- 3. The Parties recognises the importance of transparency of TBT and SPS regulations as in the WTO Agreements on TBT and SPS, including notification procedures on preparation for regulations and standards on TBT and on any occurrences of SPS incident to reduce their negative effect on trade as well as to protect human, animal or plant life or health. Each Party shall designate its contact point for the purpose of responding queries related to this Article.
- 4. A working group on TBT and SPS (hereinafter referred to as the "WG on TBT and SPS") under the Implementing Committee shall be established to deal with issues relating to the implementation of this Article and to facilitate trade and protect human, animal or plant life or health through mutual cooperation and bilateral consultations. The WG on TBT and SPS shall comprise of government officials from agriculture, fisheries, livestock and industry agencies and other related agencies. The WG on TBT and SPS shall develop its scope of work and meet at least once a year or as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

第8条 数量限制和非关税壁垒以及卫生与植物卫 生措施

- 1. 每一方承诺不采取或维持对任何其他缔约方的任何商品的进口禁令或数量限制,也不采取或维持对任何运往其他缔约方领土的商品的出口禁令或数量限制,除非根据其世界贸易组织权利和义务或本协定中的其他规定。
- 2. 每一方应确保其非关税措施的透明度,使其不是为了或旨在对缔约方 之间的贸易造成不必要的障碍而制定、采纳或应用的。缔约方应在本协 定生效后尽快确定非关税壁垒以供消除。这些非关税壁垒的消除时间表 应由所有缔约方共同商定。
- 3. 缔约方认识到世界贸易组织关于技术性贸易壁垒和卫生与植物卫生措施协定中规定的透明度的重要性,包括法规和标准准备、采纳以及技术性贸易壁垒法规的通报程序和任何卫生与植物卫生措施事件的通知程序,以减少其对贸易的负面影响,并保护人类、动物或植物的生命或健康。每一方应指定其联系点,以便就本条款相关的问题进行答复。
- 4. 在实施委员会下设立一个技术性贸易壁垒和卫生与植物卫生措施工作组(以下简称"技术性贸易壁垒和卫生与植物卫生措施工作组"),以处理与本文实施相关的问题,并通过相互合作和双边磋商促进贸易和保护人类、动物或植物的生命或健康。技术性贸易壁垒和卫生与植物卫生措施工作组应包括来自农业、渔业、畜牧业和工业机构及其他相关机构的政府官员。技术性贸易壁垒和卫生与植物卫生措施工作组应制定其工作范围,并每年至少召开一次会议或由缔约方相互商定。





Article 9 Safeguard Measures

- 1. Each Party which is a WTO member retains its rights and obligations under Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards. Actions taken pursuant to Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards shall not be subject to the Agreement on Dispute Settlement Mechanism under the Framework Agreement.
- 2. With regard to ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measures, a Party shall have the right to initiate such a measure on a good within the transition period for that good. The transition period for a good shall begin from the date of entry into force of this Agreement and end seven (7) years from the date of completion of tariff reduction/elimination for that good.
- 3. Subject to the following paragraphs of this Article, a Party shall be free to take ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measures if as an effect of the obligations incurred by the Party under this Agreement, including tariff concessions, or, if as a result of unforeseen developments and of the effects of the obligations incurred by the Party, a good is being imported from the other Parties to which tariff concession was made for that good in such increased quantities, absolute or relative to domestic production, and under such conditions so as to substantially cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the domestic industry of the importing Party that produces like or directly competitive goods in its territory.
- 4. If an ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure is taken, a Party taking such a measure may:
 - (a) suspend the further reduction of any rate of tariff provided for under this Agreement for the good; or
 - (b) increase the tariff rate on the good concerned to a level not to exceed the lesser of:
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- 5. Any ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure may be maintained for an initial period of up to three (3) years and may be extended for a period not exceeding one year if it is determined pursuant to the procedures referred to in paragraph 6 that the measure continues to be necessary to prevent or remedy serious injury and to facilitate adjustment and that there is evidence that the domestic industry is adjusting. Notwithstanding the duration of an ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure on the good, such a measure shall terminate at the end of the transition period for that good.
- 6. In applying ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measures, the Parties shall adopt the rules for the application of safeguard measures, including provisional measures, as provided under the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, with the exception of the quantitative restriction measures set out in Article 5,

and Articles 9, 13, and 14 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards. As such, all other provisions of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be incorporated into and form an integral part of this Agreement.

- 7. An ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure shall not be applied against a good originating in the territory of a Party, so long as its share of imports of the good concerned in the importing Party does not exceed 3% of the total imports from the Parties.
- 8. In seeking compensation under Article 8 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards for an ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure, the Parties concerned shall seek the good offices of the Implementing Committee to determine the substantially equivalent level of concessions to that existing under this Agreement between the Party taking the safeguard measure and the exporting Parties which would be affected by such a measure prior to any suspension of equivalent concessions. Any proceedings arising from such good offices shall be completed within ninety (90) days from the date on which the ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure was applied.
- 9. On a Party's termination of an ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure on a good, the tariff rate for that good shall be the rate that, according to that Party's tariff reduction and elimination programme as provided in Annexes 1 and 2, would have been in effect but for the measure.

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- 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, no Party may impose an ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure on a good to which actions are being applied pursuant to Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards. When a Party intends to apply, pursuant to Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards, an action on a good to which ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure is being applied, it shall terminate the ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measure prior to the imposition of the action to be applied pursuant to Article XIX of GATT 1994 and the WTO Agreement on Safeguards.
- 11. All official communications and documentations exchanged among the Parties and to the Implementing Committee relating to any ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measures shall be in writing and shall be in the English language.

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- 11. All official communications and documentations exchanged among the Parties and to the Implementing Committee relating to any ASEAN-Korea FTA safeguard measures shall be in writing and shall be in the English language.





Article 10 Measures to Safeguard the Balance of Payments

Where a Party is in serious balance of payments and external financial difficulties or threat thereof, it may, in accordance with GATT 1994, which includes the Understanding on Balance-of-Payments Provisions of GATT 1994, adopt restrictive import measures. In adopting such measures, the Party shall immediately consult with the other Parties.

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Article 11 General Exceptions

Subject to the requirement that such measures are not applied in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination among the Parties where the same conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on international trade, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement by a Party of measures:

- (a) necessary to protect public morals;
- (b) necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health;
- (c) relating to the importations or exportations of gold or silver;
- (d) necessary to secure compliance with laws or regulations which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, including those relating to customs enforcement, the enforcement of monopolies operated under paragraph 4 of Article II and Article XVII of GATT 1994, the protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;
- (e) relating to the products of prison labour;
- imposed for the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value;
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