

CHAPTER 13

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 13.1: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The Parties hereby establish the Joint Committee, comprising representatives of both Parties. The principal representative of each Party shall be the cabinet-level officer or Minister primarily responsible for international trade, or a person designated by the cabinet-level officer or Minister.
2. The Joint Committee shall be co-chaired by a representative of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism ("Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo") on the Colombian side, and by a representative of the Ministry of Economy on the Israeli side, or their successors.

ARTICLE 13.2: PROCEDURES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The Joint Committee shall meet once every two years. In addition, special meetings shall be convened upon a written request of either Party.
2. The Joint Committee shall meet alternately in Bogotá and Jerusalem, unless the Parties agree otherwise.
3. All decisions of the Joint Committee shall be taken by mutual agreement.
4. The Joint Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure, as well as its meeting schedule and the agenda for its meetings.

ARTICLE 13.3: FUNCTIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The Joint Committee shall be responsible for the administration of this Agreement and shall ensure its proper implementation.
2. The Joint Committee shall:
 - (a) supervise and facilitate the operation of this Agreement and the correct application of its provisions, and consider other ways to attain its general objectives;
 - (b) evaluate the results obtained from the application of this Agreement, in particular the evolution of trade and economic relations between the Parties;
 - (c) supervise the work of all Subcommittees, working groups and specialized bodies, established under this Agreement and recommend any necessary action;

- (d) evaluate and adopt decisions as envisaged in this Agreement regarding any subject matter which is referred to it by any Subcommittee, working group and specialized body established under this Agreement;
- (e) supervise the further development of this Agreement;
- (f) keep under review the possibility of further removal of obstacles to trade between the Parties;
- (g) without prejudice to Chapter 12 (Dispute Settlement) and other provisions of this Agreement, explore the most appropriate way to prevent or solve any difficulty that may arise in relation to issues covered by this Agreement; and
- (h) consider any other matters of interest relating to this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee may:

- (a) agree to the initiation of negotiations, with the aim of deepening the liberalisation already achieved in sectors covered by this Agreement;
- (b) recommend to the Parties to adopt any amendment or modification to the provisions of this Agreement. Any such amendment or modification shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 15.3 (Final Provisions);
- (c) modify by a Joint Committee decision:
 - (i) the Schedules to Annex 2-B (Preferential Treatment for Agricultural Goods), with the purposes of adding one or more goods excluded in the Schedule of a Party;
 - (ii) the phase-out periods established in the Tariff Elimination Schedules, with the purposes of accelerating the tariff reduction;
 - (iii) the specific rules of origin established in Annex 3-A (Product Specific Rules of Origin), Certificate of Origin contained in Annex 3-B (Certificate of Origin), Procedures for the Issuance of Electronic Certificates of Origin in Annex 3-D (Procedures For The Issuance of Electronic Certificates of Origin), Invoice Declaration contained in Annex 3-C (Invoice Declaration), Procedures for the Issuance of Paper Certificates of Origin in Annex 3-E (Procedures For The Issuance of Paper Certificates of Origin), Exemptions to Article 3.12 in Annex 3-F (Exemption to the Principle of Territoriality);
 - (iv) the procuring entities listed in Annex 9-A (List of Commitments); and
 - (v) the Rules of Procedure for Arbitral Tribunal Proceedings established in Annex 12-A and the Code of Conduct established in Annex 12-B.

Each Party shall implement, subject to the completion of its applicable internal legal procedures and upon notification of such, any modification referred to in this subparagraph, within such period as the Parties may agree;

- (d) adopt interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement. Such interpretations shall be taken into consideration by an Arbitral Tribunal established under Chapter 12 (Dispute Settlement). However, interpretations adopted by the Joint Committee shall not constitute an amendment or modification to the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (e) take such other action in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.

4. For the purposes of this Article, the Parties shall exchange information and at the request of either Party, shall hold consultations within the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE 13.4: ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND SPECIALIZED BODIES:

1. The Parties hereby establish the following Subcommittees:

- (a) Subcommittee on Market Access;
- (b) Subcommittee on Technical Barriers to Trade;
- (c) Subcommittee on Customs, Trade Facilitation and Rules of Origin;
- (d) Subcommittee on Government Procurement;
- (e) Subcommittee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters;

and working groups and specialized bodies as referred to in this Agreement.

2. Any Subcommittee, working group or specialized body, established under this Agreement shall comprise representatives from the State of Israel and the Republic of Colombia.

3. The respective scope of competence and duties of the Subcommittees provided for in this Agreement are defined in the relevant provisions of each Chapter.

4. The Joint Committee may establish other Subcommittees, working groups, or any other specialised bodies and delegate responsibilities to them in order to assist it in the performance of its tasks. For that purpose, the Joint Committee shall determine the composition, duties and rules of procedure of such Subcommittees, working groups or specialised bodies.

5. The Subcommittees, working groups and specialised bodies shall inform the Joint Committee, sufficiently in advance, of their schedule of meetings and of the agenda of those meetings. The Subcommittees, working groups and specialized bodies, shall submit summaries of their meetings to the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE 13.5: FREE TRADE AGREEMENT COORDINATORS

1. Each Party shall appoint a free trade agreement coordinator.
2. The coordinators shall:
 - (a) work jointly to develop agendas;
 - (b) make other preparations for the Joint Committee meetings;
 - (c) follow-up on the Joint Committee's decisions as appropriate;
 - (d) act as contact points to facilitate communication between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement;
 - (e) receive any notifications and information submitted under this Agreement, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement; and
 - (f) assist the Joint Committee in any other matter referred to them by the Joint Committee.
3. The coordinators of this Agreement may meet as necessary.