

3. New Chapter Eleven-B (Supply Chains Cooperation) is hereby added as follows:

“CHAPTER ELEVEN-B

SUPPLY CHAINS COOPERATION

ARTICLE 11B.1

Objectives

1. The objectives of this Chapter are to strengthen cooperation on supply chains between the Parties, facilitate trade, and promote supply chain resilience. The Parties shall endeavour to explore ways in which this Agreement may be implemented so as to achieve these objectives.
2. The Parties confirm that this Chapter aims to complement provisions in other Chapters of this Agreement that seek to facilitate trade, including Chapter Two (National Treatment and Market Access for Goods) and Chapter Six (Customs and Trade Facilitation).
3. The Parties recognise that this Chapter aims to build on their existing bilateral cooperation as well as the cooperation under multilateral fora, such as the WTO, the G20, and the Minerals Security Partnership.

ARTICLE 11B.2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter:

critical supply chain means the flow of raw materials, intermediate goods, and consumption goods which are essential for national security, public health and safety, a strategic economic sector or the economy as a whole, or critical national infrastructure. This may include materials, parts and equipment for cutting-edge technologies, medical products, energy, and critical mineral resources; and

supply chain disruption means a severe interruption, delay, or shortage that impacts one or both Parties and significantly impairs the production of, the cross-border movement of, or access to, materials, articles, or commodities, as determined by an affected Party.

ARTICLE 11B.3

Cooperation on Critical Supply Chains

1. The Parties shall endeavour to cooperate on activities aimed at supporting and increasing the stability, resilience, and efficiency of their mutual critical supply chains, taking into account capacity constraints and the different characteristics of their economies, as well as the specific characteristics of different sectors and goods.

2. The Parties shall agree on a specific list of priority sectors and their relevant critical supply chains for cooperation to strengthen supply chain resilience. The Parties shall keep this list under review.
3. Cooperation activities on critical supply chains between the Parties may include:
 - (a) sharing knowledge and experience regarding the operation and management of critical supply chains; and
 - (b) exchanging information, knowledge, best practices, and research regarding critical supply chains.
4. The Parties may also undertake efforts to strengthen production capabilities, collaborate on joint research and development, foster business-to-business relationships, develop a skilled workforce, and advance international standards, procedures, and mutual recognition arrangements necessary for resilient and sustainable supply chains.

ARTICLE 11B.4

Cooperation on Supply Chain Disruptions

1. In the event of a supply chain disruption, or if a Party expects an imminent supply chain disruption, that Party may request an emergency meeting through the designated contact point pursuant to Article 11B.6.2. Such a meeting should be held as soon as practicable, but no later than 10 days after the date on which such a meeting was requested.
2. The requesting Party shall share relevant information regarding the disruption, which may include the impact on national security, public health and safety, the economy, or critical national infrastructure; the cause of the disruption and its expected duration; the affected sectors; measures already taken or planned in response; and any assistance that would be beneficial from the other Party. The requesting Party shall endeavour to provide such relevant information in advance of the emergency meeting.
3. The other Party shall provide positive consideration to the requesting Party's request and, if it considers appropriate and to the extent possible, cooperate in supporting the requesting Party's response to the supply chain disruption. This may include:
 - (a) cooperating on measures and responses addressing the supply chain disruption, such as procedures to expedite exports in affected sectors;
 - (b) exchanging relevant available information, such as alternative supply sources, in order to minimise risks and impacts; and
 - (c) facilitating discussions with the private sector to address shortages and encouraging business matching in affected supply chain sectors.

ARTICLE 11B.5

Private Sector Cooperation

1. Each Party shall endeavour to facilitate discussions with its private sector on its critical supply chains policy, including by creating or maintaining opportunities to consult with and consider input and recommendations from the private sector, as appropriate, in the development of its policies and measures related to supply chains.
2. Each Party shall endeavour to share best practice and guidance with its private sector in relation to policies, measures, or responses impacting trade during a supply chain disruption, in order to assist the private sector to put in place resilience-building measures.
3. The Parties shall endeavour to encourage business-to-business partnerships within their economies.

ARTICLE 11B.6

Supply Chain Resilience Committee

1. The Committee on Supply Chain Resilience established under Article 15.2 (Specialised Committees), shall meet on the request of a Party or the Trade Committee, established under Article 15.1 (Trade Committee), to consider matters arising under this Chapter, including the cooperation activities pursuant to Articles 11B.3 and 11B.4.
2. Each Party shall designate a contact point that serves as an emergency communications channel to coordinate during a supply chain disruption.

ARTICLE 11B.7

Non-Application of Dispute Settlement

Neither Party may have recourse to Chapter Fourteen (Dispute Settlement) for any matter arising under this Chapter. ”