

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

INSTITUTIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Section A: Institutional Provisions

Article 18.1: Contact Points

1. In order to facilitate communications between the Parties on any matter covered by this Agreement, the Parties hereby establish the following contact points:

- (a) for Korea, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; and
- (b) for Georgia, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development;

or their respective successors.

2. Upon the request of either Party, the contact point of the other Party shall indicate the office or official responsible for any matter relating to the implementation of this Agreement, and provide the required support to facilitate communications with the requesting Party. Each Party shall notify the other Party of any change in its contact point in due time.

3. All official communications in relation to this Agreement shall be in the English language.

Article 18.2: Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint Committee comprising senior officials of each Party, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, which shall be co-chaired by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of Korea and the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, or their respective designees.

2. The Joint Committee shall:

- (a) review and supervise the implementation and operation of this Agreement;
- (b) supervise and coordinate the work of all sub-committees, working groups, and other bodies established under this Agreement;

- (c) consider ways to further enhance trade and investment relations between the Parties;
- (d) without prejudice to the procedures under Chapter Sixteen (Dispute Settlement), seek to amicably resolve problems or disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
- (e) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement, or other areas covered by this Agreement as the Parties may agree.

3. The Joint Committee may:

- (a) establish and delegate responsibilities to *ad hoc* and standing sub-committees, working groups, or other bodies;
- (b) consider and recommend to the Parties any amendment to this Agreement;
- (c) adopt interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement and seek to resolve any differences that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
- (d) adopt its own rules of procedure; and
- (e) make recommendations to the Parties.

4. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, the Joint Committee shall convene:

- (a) the first session within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement;
- (b) in annual regular session thereafter, with such sessions to be held alternately in the territory of each Party. Regular sessions should be chaired successively by each Party; and
- (c) in special session within 30 days from receipt of a request of either Party, with such sessions to be held in the territory of the other Party or at such other locations as the Parties may agree. Special sessions should be chaired by host Party requesting the session.

5. The meetings of the Joint Committee may be held in person or, if agreed by the Parties, by any technological means available to them.

6. Each Party shall treat any confidential information exchanged in relation to a session or meeting of the Joint Committee or anybody created under

paragraph 3(a) on the same basis as the Party providing the information.

7. All decisions and recommendations of the Joint Committee and all sub-committees, working groups, and any other body established under this Agreement shall be taken by mutual agreement. The implementation of the decisions may be subject to applicable internal procedures.

Article 18.3: Sub-Committees and Working Groups

1. The following sub-committees are hereby established under the auspices of the Joint Committee:

- (a) Sub-Committee on Trade in Services in accordance with Article 8.15 (Sub-Committee on Trade in Services);
- (b) Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods in accordance with Article 2.11 (Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods);
- (c) Sub-Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in accordance with Article 10.71 (Sub-Committee on Intellectual Property Rights);
- (d) Customs Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin and Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation in accordance with Article 4.15 (Customs Sub-Committee);
- (e) Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation in Accordance with Article 13.10 (Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation).

2. The composition, functions and frequency of meetings of sub-committees listed in paragraph 1 of this Article are stipulated in the relevant Chapters of this Agreement.

3. Other sub-committees, working groups or any other body may be established under the auspices of the Joint Committee.

4. The composition, frequency of meetings, and functions of those sub-committees, working groups or any other body established in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Article shall be determined by the Joint Committee consistent with this Agreement.

5. The sub-committees, working groups or any other body under the auspices of the Joint Committee shall inform the Joint Committee of their schedule and agenda sufficiently in advance of their meetings. They shall report to the Joint Committee on their activities at each regular meeting of the Joint Committee. The creation or existence of a sub-committee, a working group or any other body shall not prevent either Party from bringing any matter directly to the Joint Committee.

6. The Joint Committee may decide to change or undertake the task assigned to a sub-committee, a working group or any other body, or may dissolve a sub-committee, a working group or any other body.

Section B: Final Provisions

Article 18.4: Annexes, Appendices, and Footnotes

The Annexes, Appendices, and footnotes to this Agreement shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

Article 18.5: Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after receipt of the last written notifications through diplomatic channels, by which the Parties inform each other that all necessary domestic legal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement have been completed.

Article 18.6: Amendments

1. Amendments may be introduced to this Agreement upon mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be in writing and enter into force in accordance with Article 18.5 of this Agreement unless otherwise provided in this Agreement. The document formed thereby shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

2. If any amendment is made to the provision of the WTO Agreement or any other international agreement to which both Parties are party that has been incorporated into this Agreement, the Parties shall consult on whether to amend this Agreement accordingly, unless this Agreement provides otherwise.

Article 18.7: Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period.

2. This Agreement shall terminate 180 days after the date either Party notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels that it intends to terminate the Agreement.

Article 18.8: Authentic Texts

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Korean, Georgian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at _____ on _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
GEORGIA**