

CHAPTER 19

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 19.1

Establishment of the Joint Committee

The Parties hereby establish the United Arab Emirates - New Zealand CEPA Joint Committee which may meet at the level of senior officials or Ministers, as mutually determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE 19.2

Meetings of the Joint Committee

1. The Joint Committee shall meet within one year from the entry into force of this Agreement. Thereafter, it shall meet every two years unless the Parties agree otherwise. The regular sessions of the Joint Committee shall be chaired successively by each Party. The Party chairing a meeting of the Joint Commission shall provide any necessary administrative support for such meeting.
2. The Joint Committee shall also hold special sessions without undue delay from the date of a request thereof from either Party, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 19.3

Functions of the Joint Committee

1. The Joint Committee shall:
 - (a) consider any matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (b) review the general operation of this Agreement;
 - (c) consider any proposal to amend this Agreement that is referred to it and endeavour to make a recommendation to the Parties on the proposed amendment;
 - (d) supervise the work of all subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement and oversee other activities conducted under this Agreement;
 - (e) consider ways to further enhance trade and investment between the Parties;and

- (f) establish its own rules of procedure.
2. The Joint Committee may:
- (a) establish subsidiary bodies, refer matters to any subsidiary bodies, and consider matters raised by any subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement;
 - (b) merge or dissolve any subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement;
 - (c) develop arrangements for the implementation of the Agreement;
 - (d) seek to resolve differences or disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
 - (e) issue interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - (f) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement;
 - (g) take any other action as the Parties may agree; and
 - (h) consider and adopt a modification to this Agreement of:
 - (i) Annex 3-A (Product Specific Rules) pursuant to Article 3.40(3);
 - (ii) Annex 6-A (Competent Authorities) pursuant to Article 6.13(6)(d);
 - (iii) Annex 6-B (Sanitary MOU) pursuant to Article 6.13(6)(e);
 - (iv) Annex 6-C (Sanitary and Phytosanitary MOU) pursuant to Article 6.13(6)(e);
 - (v) Annex 11-A (Government Procurement Schedules) pursuant to Article 11.20(5);
 - (vi) Annex 20-A (Rules of Procedure for the Panel) pursuant to Article 20.29; and
 - (vii) Annex 20-B (Code of Conduct for Panellists and Others Engaged in Dispute Settlement Proceedings under this Agreement) pursuant to Article 20.29.

3. The Joint Committee, or any subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement, shall take decisions on any matter within its functions by mutual agreement.

4. Meetings of the Joint Committee, or any subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement, may be conducted in person or by any other means as determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE 19.4 **Establishment of Sub-Committees**

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

- (a) the Trade in Goods Sub-Committee, the functions of which are set out in Article 2.20 (Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods);
- (b) the Rules of Origin and Customs and Trade Facilitation Sub-Committee, the functions of which are set out in Article 3.38 (Rules of Origin and Trade Facilitation Sub-Committee) and Article 4.18 (Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation); and
- (c) the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Sub-Committee, the functions of which are set out in Article 6.13 (Sub-Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures).

ARTICLE 19.5 **Communications**

1. Each Party shall, within 30 days of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, designate a contact point to receive and facilitate official communications among the Parties on any matter relating to this Agreement. Each Party shall notify the other Party of the contact details of that contact point. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party, in writing, of any changes to its contact point.

2. Upon request of the other Party, a Party's contact point shall identify the office or official responsible for any matter relating to implementation of this Agreement. The contact point will assist, as necessary, in facilitating communications between the other Party and that office or official.

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

ARTICLE 19.6
General Review

1. The Parties shall undertake a general review of the Agreement, with a view to furthering its objectives, every five years following the date of entry into force, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

2. The conduct of general reviews shall normally coincide with regular meetings of the Joint Committee.