

CHAPTER 16 : ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 16.1 : THE FREE TRADE COMMISSION

1. The Parties hereby establish the Free Trade Commission, comprising the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism of Peru and the Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore, or their designees.
2. The Commission shall:
 - (a) supervise the operation and implementation of this Agreement;
 - (b) oversee the further elaboration of this Agreement;
 - (c) seek to resolve disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement;
 - (d) supervise the work of all committees and working groups established under this Agreement;
 - (e) establish the amount of remuneration and expenses that will be paid to panelists; and
 - (f) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement.
3. The Commission may:
 - (a) establish and delegate responsibilities to committees and working groups;
 - (b) consider and approve any amendment to this Agreement or modification to the commitments therein, subject to completion of the applicable legal procedures of each Party. In the case of specific rules of origin, the amendments will enter into force immediately after the approval of the Commission;
 - (c) issue interpretations of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - (d) seek the advice of non-governmental persons or groups; and
 - (e) take such other action in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.
4. The Commission shall establish its rules and procedures.

5. The Commission shall convene within two (2) years of the entry into force of this Agreement, and subsequently as and when the Parties agree to be necessary. The first session of the Commission shall be held in a place to be mutually agreed by the Parties, and thereafter held alternately in the territory of each Party.

ARTICLE 16.2 : FREE TRADE AGREEMENT COORDINATORS

1. Each Party shall appoint a free trade agreement coordinator.
2. The coordinators shall work jointly to develop agendas and make other preparations for Commission meetings, and shall follow up on Commission decisions, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 16.3 : ADMINISTRATION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS

1. Each Party shall:
 - (a) designate an office that shall provide administrative assistance to the panels established under Chapter 17 (Dispute Settlement); and
 - (b) notify the Commission of the location of its designated office.
2. Each Party shall be responsible for the operation and costs of its designated office.