

CHAPTER 13 TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

ARTICLE 13.1: OBJECTIVES

1. The Parties agree to establish a framework for bilateral cooperative relations, for the purpose of expanding and enhancing their capabilities as well as the benefits and opportunities resulting from this Agreement.
2. Cooperation between the Parties shall be aimed specifically at enhancing their trade capacities and creating new opportunities for trade, investment, services, research, development, innovation and transfer of technology.

ARTICLE 13.2: SCOPE

1. The Parties recognize that cooperation under this Chapter is complimentary to cooperation activities set out in other Chapters of this Agreement. The cooperation will cover areas as agreed by them, with an emphasis on the following:
 - (a) strengthening trade capacities;
 - (b) trade, investment and services, including logistic services;
 - (c) research, development, innovation and transfer of technology; and
 - (d) joint business initiatives.
2. Nevertheless, the Parties agree to explore the possibility to extend cooperation in the future to other areas, mutually approved by them.
3. Cooperation will be directed mainly to increase the capacity and competitiveness of the cooperatives and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and may include other entities from the private and the public sector, academia and institutions dedicated to research, agreed by the Parties.
4. The Parties will identify and develop specific and innovative projects, programs and activities, through a work program, capable of providing added value to their relations.
5. The Parties will endeavor to undertake a cooperative work program taking into consideration the economic, environmental, social, cultural and legal system differences between the Parties and each Party's national priorities.
6. Sustainable development shall be integrated and reflected in the implementation of this Chapter.

7. The Parties will endeavour to encourage the negotiation and signing of agreements between governmental entities, on issues arising from this Chapter to further develop cooperation in specific areas.

ARTICLE 13.3: MODALITIES

The Parties will endeavour to encourage the use of technical, technological and scientific cooperation, through the following ways:

- (a) joint organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, meetings, training sessions and outreach and education programs;
- (b) joint development of technological and practical demonstrations, applied research projects, studies and reports;
- (c) exchange of delegations, professionals, technicians and specialists from the academic sector, institutions dedicated to research, private sector and governmental agencies, including study visits and internship programs for professional training;
- (d) dialogue and exchange of experiences between the Parties' private sector and agencies involved in trade promotion;
- (e) promote joint business initiatives between entrepreneurs of the Parties;
- (f) facilitation of partnerships, linkages or other new channels for the development and transfer of knowledge and technologies among representatives from the academia, institutions dedicated to research, the private sector and governmental agencies; and
- (g) any other form of cooperation that may be agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 13.4: COOPERATIVE ADMINISTRATORS

1. The Cooperative Administrators shall be responsible for the following:
 - (a) examine, evaluate and approve the proposals for projects, programs and activities that will be reflected in the work program;
 - (b) develop the work program and follow up on its implementation;
 - (c) inform the Joint Committee about the work program and making recommendations on ways to improve cooperation; and
 - (d) undertake such other activities on which the Parties may agree.

2. The Cooperative Administrators or their designate may meet or communicate by electronic mail, video conference or by any other means of communication agreed by the Parties.

3. The Parties designate Cooperative Administrators to facilitate communication concerning the implementation of this Chapter. The Cooperative Administrators are:

(a) For Israel:

Foreign Trade Administration, Ministry of Economy
5 Bank Israel St., Jerusalem 9103101 Israel
Tel: (972) 2 6662667
Fax: (972) 2 6662958
Email: IsraelFTAs@Economy.gov.il; and

(b) For Panama:

National Direction for the Administration of International Trade Agreements, Ministry of Trade and Industry (Director Nacional de Administración de Tratados Comerciales Internacionales, Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias)
Edison Plaza, Ave. Ricardo J. Alfaro, El Paical, 2nd Floor
Panama, Republic of Panama
Tel: (507) 560-0610
Fax: (507) 560-0691
Email: admtratados@mici.gob.pa;

or their successors.

ARTICLE 13.5: RESOURCES

All cooperation under this Chapter shall be subject to the availability of funds and human, technological, material and organizational resources in accordance with the capacities of the Parties.

ARTICLE 13.6: OTHER PROVISIONS

Cooperation undertaken pursuant to this Chapter will be conducted in accordance with the respective laws, regulations and procedures of the Parties.

ARTICLE 13.7: CONSULTATIONS

1. To foster understanding between the Parties or to address any matter arising under this Chapter, a Party may request consultations within the Joint Committee in writing indicating the reasons for the consultations. The consultations shall be held promptly with a view to reaching an amicable solution consistent with the objectives set forth in this Chapter.

2. This Chapter shall not be subject to Chapter 14 (Dispute Settlement) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13.8: RELATION TO THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the *Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Panama on Trade and Economic Cooperation*, signed in Jerusalem on April 11, 2010 and its Amending Protocol signed in Panama on February 9, 2011, this Agreement shall prevail.