

法規名稱：DECISION No.1 - Functions and Rules of Procedures of the Joint Committee of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Republic of Paraguay

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The Joint Committee of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation (hereafter referred to as “ the Agreement ”)between the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Republic of Paraguay, pursuant to its powers and according to what is established in Article 23 of the Agreement, and in accordance with Articles 6, 8, and 9,

DECIDES:

To approve the functions and Rules of Procedures of the Joint Committee of the Agreement as follows:

1. Joint Committee

1-1 The Joint Committee is composed of the officials referred to in Annex 1, or of the persons designated by them.

1-2 The Joint Committee shall:

- (1) be responsible for the administration of the Agreement and shall ensure its proper implementation;
- (2) exchange information and, at the request of either Party, hold consultations within the Joint Committee;
- (3) review periodically the possibility of further removal of obstacles to trade between the Parties;
- (4) consider any matters that may affect the operation of the Agreement, or any other matters to be entrusted by the Parties; and
- (5) establish its own rules of procedure.
- (6) in fulfillment of the Agreement’ s objectives:
 - a. review and update Annex 1 (Tariff Reduction Schedule) in accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement;
 - b. define priority sectors for technological and technical cooperation, and request that the respective relevant authorities of the Parties identify specific projects and establish mechanisms for their implementation in accordance with Articles 8 and 9 of the Agreement;

1-3 The Joint Committee may:

- (1) establish and delegate responsibilities to the Sub-Joint Committee;
- (2) seek the advice of non-governmental persons or groups; and
- (3) take any other actions as are necessary in the exercise of its functions if the Parties so decide.

1-4 Each Party shall implement, in accordance with its

applicable legal procedures, any modification referred to in paragraph 1-2 (6).

2. Sub-Joint Committee

2-1 The Sub-Joint Committee is composed of the officials referred to in Annex 2, or of the persons designated by them.

2-2 The Sub-Joint Committee shall

- (1) prepare and revise technical documents for decision-making under this Agreement;
- (2) follow-up on the decisions taken by the Joint Committee;
- (3) consider any other matters that may affect the operation of the Agreement, assigned by the Joint Committee.

3. Rules of Procedures

3-1 Ordinary and Extraordinary Sessions

- (1) The Joint Committee shall meet once a year in an ordinary session and, at the request of one of Parties, in an extraordinary session. The sessions shall be held at locations within each respective Party on an alternating basis.
- (2) Where considered appropriate by the Parties, the Joint Committee shall conduct meetings electronically.

3-2 Delegations

Before each session, the Parties shall notify, through their corresponding representative of the Sub-Joint Committee of the Agreement, the membership of their delegations at least three (3) days in advance.

3-3 Agenda for the Sessions of the Joint Committee

- (1) The provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Sub-Joint Committee. The provisional agenda, along with the supporting documents of the session, shall be submitted to the Parties at least ten (10) days before the session, unless the Parties agree to a different timeframe.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall adopt the agenda at the beginning of each session.
- (3) Any matter different from those scheduled in the provisional agenda may be included in the agenda if the Parties so agree.

3-4 Decisions and Minutes

- (1) The Decisions of the Joint Committee shall be adopted by consensus. The Decisions shall be assigned a correlative numerical order, indicating the corresponding date.
- (2) The Decisions adopted by the Joint Committee shall be binding for both Parties. However, whenever the matters regulated in the Decisions require, according to the legislation of each Party, an internal approval procedure, this shall be indicated in the Decision and it shall become effective once the Parties officially notify that such legal procedures have been fulfilled.

(3) When the session concludes, the minutes shall be transcribed, recording the matters discussed, and shall be subject to the approval of the representatives of the Parties. The minutes shall be signed by representatives of the Parties, and shall be recorded in English.

(4) When the Joint Committee adopts the Decisions in the sessions, they shall be incorporated to the corresponding minutes as annexes.

3-5 Non-public Sessions

Unless the Parties agree otherwise, the sessions of the Joint committee shall be held in private.

3-6 Costs

(1) The costs of the sessions of the Joint Committee (excluding travel costs and allowances of the attendants) shall be covered by the Party in which the session is held, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

(2) The coordination and secretarial duties of the sessions of the Joint Committee shall be performed by representatives of the Sub-Joint Committee where the session is held.

4. All time frames stipulated in these rules of procedure may be reduced or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Done in duplicate in the Chinese, Spanish and English languages, all versions are equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy in the interpretation of this Decision, the English version shall prevail.

This Decision is signed in the city of Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan), on June 12th, 2018, and shall enter into force on this date.

For the Government of the
Republic of China (Taiwan)

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