

Signed Minutes of the 1st Interim Agreement on Trade between The European Union and the Republic of Chile Sub-committee meeting on Trade in Goods

16 October and 6 November 2025, virtual meeting

The first meeting of the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Chile Sub-committee meeting on Trade in Goods was hosted by the European Union on 16 October (in online format) and 6 November 2025 (in hybrid format). The sub-committee on Trade in Goods was established under the provisions of the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Chile (Chapter 33 Article 33.4 (1)(i)).

The first session (16 October 2025) meeting was co-chaired by Andrea Cerda from the Under-Secretariat of International Economic Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Chile and Claes Hallberg from the Directorate General of Trade and Economic Security of the European Commission from the European Union. The second session was co-chaired by Claes Hallberg and Ricardo Mayer. The list of both delegations can be found in Annex 1.

First session, 16 October 2025 Chapter 2 Trade in Goods

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks

Both sides welcomed each other and their delegations to the inaugural EU-CL FTA Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods meeting. Both sides stressed that a strong bilateral trading relationship between Chile and the European Union is valued for creating opportunities for our people and maintaining resilient supply chains in a broad range of areas including food and other primary products.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted and can be found in Annex 2.

Agenda Item 3: Issues for Discussion

3.1. Rules of procedure

Each sub-committee under the Interim Agreement requires a set of rules of procedure (RoP). It was confirmed that the RoP to be adopted by the Trade Council or Trade Committee shall apply *mutatis mutandis* for the Trade in Goods Sub-Committee if the Trade Council or Trade Committee does not establish specific RoP for the Trade in Goods Sub-Committee, as foreseen in Chapter 33, Article 33.4, paragraph 7 of the Interim Agreement on Trade between the European Union and the Republic of Chile.

4. Other Business

The parties agreed to exchange the notification of existing export licencing procedures as stipulated in Article 2.14 (3) no later than 20 November.

The parties further agreed to meet and prepare an exchange of statistics in March 2026 on preference utilisation according to Article 2.16.

5. Meeting report

The European Union as the host, would provide a first draft of the meeting report including both sessions after concluding the last session and would send to Chile for review. The report will be made publicly available once both sides have agreed to it.

7. Closing Remarks

Both sides agreed that the meeting was held in an friendly and constructive manner. Both Chairs acknowledged the positive exchange of views and appreciated the shared commitment to full implementation of the Interim Agreement on Trade and establishing a basis for an even stronger trade and economic relationship.

Second session, 6 November 2025 Chapter 8 Energy and Raw Materials

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks

Both sides welcomed each other and their delegations to the second session of the first inaugural EU-CL FTA Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted and can be found in Annex 2.

Agenda Item 3: Issues for Discussion

3.1. Energy

Both sides held an informative discussion on their respective energy policies. In particular Chile informed about the updates of the national decarbonisation plan including green energy transition and infrastructure improvements. On transmission plans Chile endeavoured to reply to written queries by EU on latest developments and confirmation of openness to EU companies' investments. Chile also acknowledged the EU/Chile cooperation on green Hydrogen and notably the role of the EU in supporting the development of green hydrogen projects in Chile through the Global Gateways initiative.

The EU highlighted the commonalities of targets and ambitions between the EU and Chile energy policies and informed Chile about latest developments, such as the Hydrogen Mechanism, and inviting Chile companies to participate to the newly created tool. Furthermore the EU informed about the new measures and upcoming new Hydrogen Strategy and informed on Regional Electricity Integration for Latin America. Chile explained the measures taken by Chile for expansion and modernisation of the grids in Chile and on its electricity market reforms.

3.2. Critical Raw Material

Both sides updated each other on raw material policies. For Chile, notably on:

- Lithium Development Strategy with the expansion of exploitation of lithium resources through licensing are being rolled out and open to EU investors. This has included an intense Indigenous consultation campaign. Chile flagged the need to carefully balance environmental protection and lithium exploration plans.
- National Strategy for Copper Smelting and Refining. Chile informed about the plan to increase capacity utilisation through development plans linking private and government actors.
- Rare Earth Elements (REE). Chile explained that this is a much less advanced area as the mapping of REE is still at an initial stage. Chile informed about the state of play of

environmental permitting processes. EU and Chile acknowledged the need to cooperate further on investments in this sector.

- National Strategy for Critical Minerals (CRM). Chile informed about the government draft plan for which the public consultation period expired 31 October 2025, which would include a list of around 14 CRMs, including some crucial for Chile development (ie. Iodine). The final document should be published in due course.

EU informed notably on new call for Strategic Projects under the Critical Raw Materials Act and the work on a CRM Demand Aggregation platform and a database of extraction waste. Furthermore EU informed about the new Resource EU plan, which would enable to increase funding for CRM projects(i.e. strategic projects) also through a dedicated CRM centre. EU invited Chile to pursue the useful bilateral cooperation on CRM, maintaining full openness to EU companies' investments in the sector in view of potential EU Strategic projects in Chile.

4. Other Business

No other topics were raised under this agenda point

5. Meeting report

7. Closing Remarks

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Annex 2**INTERIM AGREEMENT ON TRADE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE****1st meeting of the Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods (Chapter 2 and 8)***16 October and 6 November 2025,***Virtual meeting (16/10) and Hybrid (06/11) – Host: EU****Draft Agenda****16 October 2025****CHAPTER 2**

Time (EU)	Time (CL)	Agenda Item
3.00-3.10 pm	10.00-10.10 am	1. Opening Remarks (EU to open)
3.10-3.15 pm	10.10-10.15 am	2. Adoption of Agenda
		3. Issues to be discussed
3.15-3.30 pm	10.15–10.30 am	3.1 Rules of Procedure - Article 33.4 para 7
3.30-4.00 pm	10.30-11.00 pm	4. Other Business
		5. Meeting Report (process) (CL/EU)
		6. Closing Remarks (CL/EU)

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Time (EU)	Time (CL)	Agenda Item
3.00-3.10 pm	10.00-10.10 am	1. Opening Remarks (EU to open)
3.10-3.15 pm	10.10-10.15 am	2. Adoption of Agenda
		3. Issues to be discussed
3.15-4.15 pm	10.15-11.15 am	3.1 Energy - Update on energy policies in Chile - Update on energy policies in the EU
4.15-5.00 pm	11.15-12.00 am	3.2 CRITICAL RAW MATERIAL a) Update on raw material policies in Chile , notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lithium Development Strategy - National Strategy for Copper Smelting and Refining - National Strategy for Critical Minerals - Rare Earths b) Update on critical minerals policies in the EU
5.00-5.30 pm	12.00-12.30 pm	5. Other Business
		6. Meeting Report (process) (CL/EU)
		7. Closing Remarks (CL/EU)