

Chapter 20

Institutional Arrangements

Article 20.1: Joint FTA Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish a Joint FTA Committee.
2. The Joint FTA Committee shall be composed of relevant government officials of each Party and shall be co-chaired by (i) a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for Australia and (ii) the Director-General of International Economic Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Chile, or their respective designees.
3. The Joint FTA Committee shall:
 - (a) review the general functioning of this Agreement;
 - (b) review, consider and, as appropriate, decide on specific matters related to the operation, application and implementation of this Agreement, including matters reported by committees or working groups established under this Agreement;
 - (c) supervise the work of committees, working groups and contact points established under this Agreement;
 - (d) facilitate, as appropriate, the avoidance and settlement of disputes arising under this Agreement, including through consultations pursuant to Article 21.4 (Referral of Matters to the Joint FTA Committee – Dispute Settlement Chapter);
 - (e) consider and adopt any amendment to this Agreement or other modification or rectification to the commitments therein, subject to completion of necessary domestic legal procedures by each Party ²⁰⁻¹;
 - (f) as appropriate, issue interpretations of the Agreement;
 - (g) review the wider trade relationship;
 - (h) explore ways to enhance further trade and investment between the Parties and to further the objectives of this Agreement; and

²⁰⁻¹Chile shall implement any amendment or other modification approved by the Joint FTA Committee of the following provisions of the Agreement through *Acuerdos de Ejecución*, in accordance with the *Constitución Política de la República de Chile*:

(i) the Schedules attached to Annex 3-B (Elimination of Customs Duties), to accelerate tariff elimination;

(ii) the rules of origin established in Annex 4-C (Rules of Origin Schedule); and

(iii) the entities listed in Annex 15-A to the Government Procurement Chapter.

- (i) take such other action as the Parties may agree.
- 4. The Joint FTA Committee may seek the advice of non-governmental persons or groups on matters covered by this Agreement.

Article 20.2: Meetings of the Joint FTA Committee

- 1. The Joint FTA Committee shall meet:
 - (a) in or shortly after the first year of entry into force of this Agreement;
and
 - (b) thereafter as agreed by the Parties.
- 2. The Joint FTA Committee shall meet alternately in the territory of each Party, unless the Parties otherwise agree.
- 3. The Joint FTA Committee shall also meet in special session within 30 days of the request of a Party, with such sessions to be held in the territory of the other Party or at such location as may be agreed by the Parties.
- 4. All decisions of the Joint FTA Committee shall be taken by mutual agreement.
- 5. The Joint FTA Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure.