

Chapter 13

Administration and Institutional Provisions

Article 13.1: Free Trade Commission

1. The Parties hereby establish a Free Trade Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”).
2. The Commission shall be composed of relevant government officials of each Party and shall be co-chaired by:
 - (a) in the case of Chile, the Director-General of International Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Chile or their respective designee; and
 - (b) in the case of Thailand, the Director-General of the Department of Trade Negotiations of the Ministry of Commerce for Thailand, or their respective designee.
3. The Commission shall:
 - (a) review the general functioning of this Agreement;
 - (b) review, consider and, as appropriate, decide on specific matters relating to the operation, application and implementation of this Agreement, including matters reported by committees or working groups established under this Agreement;
 - (c) supervise and coordinate the work of committees, working groups and contact points established under this Agreement;
 - (d) provide assistance in order to resolve disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation, implementation or application of this Agreement; and
 - (e) take such other action as the Parties may agree.
4. The Commission may:
 - (a) establish, refer matters and delegate responsibilities to any committee or working group;
 - (b) consider and adopt any modifications³⁰ of:
 - (i) the Schedules attached to Annex 3.4 (Reduction and/or Elimination of Customs Duties), by accelerating tariff elimination; and
 - (ii) the rules of origin established in Annex 4.2 (Product Specific Rules);
 - (iii) the Geographical Indications listed in Annex 11.9 (List of Geographical Indications);
 - (c) issue interpretations of this Agreement; and

³⁰ The acceptance of any modification by a Party is subject to the completion of any necessary domestic legal procedures of that Party. Chile shall implement the actions of the Commission through *Acuerdos de Ejecución*, in accordance with Article 54, number 1, fourth paragraph, of the *Constitución Política de la República de Chile*.

- (d) seek the opinion of non-governmental persons or groups on matters covered by this Agreement.

Article 13.2: Procedures of the Commission

1. The Commission shall convene at least once a year in regular session. The Commission shall meet alternately in the territory of each Party, unless the Parties otherwise agree.
2. The Commission shall also meet in special session within thirty (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.
3. All decisions of the Commission shall be taken by mutual agreement.
4. The Commission shall establish its rules and procedures at its first meeting.