

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN



MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors

Biodiversity Management Bureau

Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

Environmental Management Bureau

Forest Management Bureau Mines and Geosciences Bureau

Climate Change Service Legal Affairs Service

FROM: The Chief, Policy Studies Division and

In Charge, Office the Director for Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT: 11TH ASEAN TRADE IN GOODS (ATIGA) TRADE NEGOTIATING

COMMITTEE (TNC) MEETING

DATE : 0 2 AUG 2024

This refers to the letter dated 23 July 2024 from the Department of Trade and Industry – Bureau of International Trade Relations (DTI-BITR), regarding the forthcoming 11th ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) Trade Negotiating Committee Meeting to be held on 26-29 August 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Please be informed that the DENR, along with other concerned agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, National Economic and Development Authority, Department of Finance, Department of Energy, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Justice, Board of Investments, DTI-Export Marketing Bureau, Bureau of Customs, and the Tariff Commission, had been invited to participate to the said meeting.

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In preparation for the upcoming negotiation round, we would like to request the following: 1) inputs on the latest draft Trade and Environment text (*Annex A*); and 2) designate a representative/s for the upcoming inter-agency meeting tentatively scheduled on 12 August 2024. The meeting details will be provided in due course.

We would appreciate receiving your responses on or before **08 August 2024** through these email addresses: psddivision@gmail.com and/or policy@denr.gov.ph. You may also access the latest text using this link: https://tinyurl.com/4693s7cb.

For your information and consideration, please.

FOR. LLARINA S. MODICA

[Draft Text post-6th ATIGA Upgrade TNC (3-6 October 2023)]

CHAPTER XX TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT

6th TNC

BN MM agrees in-principle and will revert on the draft text by 31 Oct 2023

KH LA MY PH VN will revert on the draft text by 31 Oct 2023

ID will submit the proposed Article on Scope and Objectives within this meeting

ASEC to draft an Article on non-application of DS to this Chapter

7th TNC

SG TH VN BN KH ID LA MY MM PH to revert at 8th TNC

8th TNC

KH, LA, PH to revert on the Chapter at the next meeting

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AMS agreed to Article 1 (Objectives)

Article X.1 Objectives

The objectives of this Chapter are to

- (a) promote mutually supportive trade and environmental policies and practices; promote high levels of environmental protection and effective enforcement of environmental laws and enhance the capacities of the Member States to address trade-related environmental issues, including through cooperation, in the furtherance of sustainable development.
- (b) enhance cooperation to protect and conserve the environment and the sustainable use and management of their natural resources, taking account Member States' respective hational priorities and circumstances which can contribute to sustainable development strengthen environmental governance, and support implementation of international environmental agreements to which a Member State is a party to.

Article X.2 Basic Principles

6th TNC

Singapore can broadly go along with the article. However, there may be merit in investigating the possibility of streamlining articles X.1, X.2 and X.3 (and possibly even X.4) by merging them into 1 article. For instance, we note that Article 1 (Basic Principles) of the AANZFTA TSD Chapter comprises of elements from articles X.2, X.3 and X.4 in this draft text.

MM support this suggestion

ASEC to refer to AANZFTA TSD Chapter and streamline the text by 13 October 2023.

8th TNC

BN, VN to revert of Article 2
KH, LA, PH to revert on the Chapter at the next meeting
SG to revert on paragraph 6 at the next meeting
MM to revert on paragraphs 3 – 6 at the next meeting

9TH TNC

AMS agreed on para 1

TH SG ID will revert on PH's proposed edit in para 2

ID MY will revert on SG's insertion in para 3

SG to revert on the reference to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under para 3

Member States recognise Trade and Environment as a new area for economic cooperation under this Agreement. Member States recognise the importance of cooperation as a mechanism to strengthen the Parties' joint and individual efforts and capacities to protect the environment as they strengthen their trade and investment relations.

Para 2
10th TNC
TH to revert at the next meeting

2. TH SG MM MY ID BN KH LA VN PH [Member States share a common aspiration to promote high [PH VN MM MY LA KH BN SG ID] levels] [IB-standards] of environmental protection commensurate with the Member States' respective needs, capabilities and national circumstances and according to respective Member States' laws and regulations; and, to uphold these in the context of sustainable development.

Commented [TFD1]: AANZFTA modified

Para 3 9th TNC PH to revert

AMS to revert on PH's proposed all text of para 3 at the next meeting

AMS to revert on ASEC's proposed reformulated text of para 3 at the next meeting

3. TH SG MY ID LA VN MM BN KH Member States [SG BN KH LA MM VN TH MY ID recall their commitments to multilateral environmental agreements to which they are individually a Party as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development] adopted by the UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 on 25 September 2015 and its Sustainable Development Goals.

AANZFTA para 1: The Parties recall the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/1 titled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", adopted on 25 September 2015 (the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development") and its Sustainable Development Goals.

AANZFTA para 2: The Parties recall their commitment to the multilateral environmental and labour agreements to which they are individually a party, as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

PH Proposed Alternative Text to replace para 3 (10th TNC):

Member States reaffirm their commitments made in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development adopted by the UN General Assembly Resolution 47/190 on 22 December 1992 as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General

Commented [TFD2]: Earlier text, adjusted

Assembly Resolution 70/1 on 25 September 2015 and its Sustainable Development Goals, and other multilateral environmental agreements to which a Member State is individually a Party to

ASEC's proposed reformulated para (10th TNC)

Member States reaffirmed their commitments to multilateral environmental agreements to which they are individually a Party, including the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development adopted by the UN General Assembly Resolution 47/190 on 22 December 1992 and its associated agreements, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly Resolution 70/1 and 25 September 2015 and its Sustainable Development Goals.

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Para 4
9th TNC
PH will revert on para 4 – 6

4. Member States recognise that sustainable development encompasses economic development, social development and environmental protection, all three being interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and affirm their desire to promote the development of international trade and investment in a way that contributes to the objectives of sustainable development.

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Para 5	
KH VN ID to revert on SG's insertion	
MY prefers the original language without SG's insertion	
MM to revert on para 5	
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10th TNC	
 	
All AMO to revert on the while some 5 at the soul Electrical	
All AMS to revert on the whole para 5 at the next meeting.	

Indonesia proposes to add the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC)" which is also the basic principle in various MEAs	
Para 6 9h TNC SG to revert and may propose an alternative text. MM PH BN to revert	
BN MM to revert at the next meeting	

6. THMY ID VN LA KH Member States acknowledge the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances in addressing climate change, in accordance with

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8th TNC

BN, KH, LA and PH to revert on the Article at the next meeting

MY to revert on sub-para d at the next meeting

MM to revert on a, d, e at the next meeting

AMS to revert on VN's proposal of "social organizations" in sub-para d

9th TNC

BN to revert on para (a)

KH ID MY to revert on VN's insertion on para (d)

MM to revert on para (d)

PH to revert on (b) - (e) and term "clean energy Trade" in para (a)

Article X.3 General Commitment

Pursuant to Article X.1 (Objectives), Member States recognise the importance of

10th TNC

LA to revert on subpara b at the next meeting

PH will revert and may propose a new subpara at the next meeting

- (a) DMYSC THYNKHMMPH Cooperating on issues with a nexus between trade and environment including on the green economy, so as to facilitate the creation of tangible benefits in the economy and workforce, including in. PH is consulting and revert clean energy trade, carbon markets, carbon capture and storage, and the circular economy.
- (b) ID MY MM SG TH VN KH_BN fostering better alignment and convergence of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures between countries, and strengthen the integration of markets and reduce potential barriers to trade and investment;

9th TNC, 10th TNC
VN to revert on the understanding of "technology" proposed under para (c)

(c) ID MY MM SG TH VN BN KH LA sharing knowledge, information [VN-BN KH ID LA MY MM TH, technology] and expertise that lend support to understanding and addressing the challenges of transitioning to green economies;

9th TNC
VN to consult on the term "non-government organisations" in KH's alt text
TH SG MM KH ID to revert on KH's alt text

10th TNC

MY can accept the original subpara (d)

TH is flexible on "civil society" or "social organisations". TH to revert on KH's alt text.

The word "civil society organisations" is found in i) Annex 2 of ASEAN Charter; ii) Para 7 of Section II

(Characteristics And Elements) in ASCC Blueprint 2025; iii) APSC Blueprint; iv) AEC Blueprint

VN to revert on "civil society" and KH's alt text at the next meeting.

AMS to revert on ASEC's proposed insertion in KH's alt text!

(d) ID SG TH VN BN KH MY SG the [KH ID MY BN to delete critical] role of non-government stakeholders, including the private sector, [ID to retain [VN TH-to delete civil society] [VN BN TH-social organisations] and relevant [ID to delete international] organisations, as integral partners in advancing trade and environment cooperation; and

KH alt [KH LA BN MM SG_ID] the role of non-government grants organisations organisations, the private sector, and relevant international organisations, as integral partners in advancing trade and environment cooperation; and]

Para e, 10th TNC
PH to revert at the next meeting

(e) ID MY SG TH VN BN KH LA MM ensuring that collaborative work does not knowingly cause harm to the [TH BN KH ID LA MY MM SG VN] human health and] natural environment.

8th TNC

BN, KH, LA, TH, MY, MM, PH and VN to revert on the Article at the next meeting

SG to revert on all sub-paragraphs 4 at the next meeting

ASEC to provide written explanation on ID and LA's queries on the reason to propose the list of environmental goods.

TASKED ASEAN Secretariat to prepare a paper on the rationale, implications and intended purpose of the list of environmental goods.

9th TNC

BN KH LA MY MM VN to revert on Article 4

TH to revert on para 2 -4.

10th TNC

PH MM MY LA KH cannot support Article 4.

TH is flexible to remove or retain Article 4. TH will further consult on the proposal to remove Article 4.

ASEC to reformulate Article 4 taking into account some AMS' concerns on the list of environmental goods.

Article X.4

Environmental Goods

Para 1

9th TNC

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MM so	ought c	larification on the inclusion of "investment" under para 1	į	
	te tra	TH Pursuant to Article X.1 (Objectives), Member States shall strive to facilitate and de [and investment] in environmental goods.		Commented [TFD4]: To make it more straightforward.
9th TN	ıc	n para 2	i i i	
identif The M enviro [the A	er Sta ied as dembe nmen TIGA	The ATIGA Joint Committee] shall consider issues identified by a Member State or lates related to trade in environmental goods listed in ANNEX 1, including issues potential non-tariff barriers to that trade, with a view to expeditiously resolve them. It is shall endeavour to address any potential barriers to trade in these trade goods that may be identified by a Member State, including by working through Joint Committee] and in conjunction with other relevant committees established greement, as appropriate.		
projec	ite an	The Member States shall cooperate in international fora on ways to further d liberalise global trade in environmental goods, and may develop cooperative environmental goods to address current and future global trade-related tal challenges.		Commented [TFD5]: To further strengthen cooperation
4.	sc Ti	he Member States shall endeavour to continue updating the list of environmental INEX 1, that contribute to the attainment of the following objectives:		on environmental goods. Commented [TFD6]: The list of environmental goods (EG)
	(a)	reduction, mitigation and remediation of the pollution of the air, [ID] waterways] and the land;		is based on the APEC list which was originally in HS 2012. ASEC transposed it into HS 2022.
	(b)	protection [TH: and conservation] of natural resources and biodiversity;		
	(c)	mitigate greenhouse gas emissions such as through a transition to the use of renewable and sustainable energy [^{ID} resources] and technologies;		
	(d)	efficient and sustainable [TH: consumption use] and production, reuse or recycling of resources [ID through a circular economy approach];		
	(e)	reduce in the negative effects on human health, [10 social] and the environment;		
	(f)	adapt and strengthen resilience against climate change; and		Commented [TFD7]: Proposed addition as goods that aid

Commented [TFD7]: Proposed addition as goods that aid in this objective are just as important in our fight against

climate change.

8th TNC

(g)

BN, KH, ID, LA, MY, MM and PH to revert on the Article at the next meeting VN to revert on paras 2 and 3 at the next meeting

ASEC will circulate ANNEX 2

TH proposed to revisit paragraph 3a in consideration of NTM/NTB Articles under the Chapter NT/MA

environment in support of its protection and remediation.

effectively identify, measure, account [ID and monitor and evaluate] the

9 th TNC	
AMS agreed on para	1

Article X.65 Co-operation

Commented [TFD8]: Restructured from original text.

Member States may, subject to the availability of funds and human and other resources, and to their applicable laws and regulations, engage in economic cooperation activities consistent with Article X.2 (Basic Principles) in the area of trade and environment

[PARA 2] 9th TNC

PH to revert on para 2 and 3

AMS to revert on PH's proposal "biodiversity"

PH will only revert after the issue Institutional Arrangement is resolved.

BN SG TH will revert on "biodiversity" at the next meeting.

ID viewed that "biodiversity" is already covered by "Green economy"

LA MY MM VN are flexible on "biodiversity"

- TH SG ID LA MY MM VN BN KH Cooperation may be undertaken through ways and means 2. considered appropriate by the <relevant Sectoral Body> and may cover topics related to:
 - Green Economy; (a)
 - Circular economy¹; (b)
 - Energy; (c)
 - [PH KH LA MY MM VN Biodiversity;] (d)
 - Issues under the Sustainable Development Goals; and (e)
 - Any other areas as mutually agreed by the Parties.

PARA3

9th TNC

KH MY to revert on 3(a) and (d)

ID MM PH to revert on para 3

KH to revert on her insertion of "capacity Building" under subpara B

10th TNC

PH propose a revised chapeau

VN MM LA KH prefer original formulation of the chapeau

TH SG ID KH BN will revert on PH's proposed chapeau

MY prefer original but flexible on PH's proposed chapeau

TH SG VN KH MY BN Member States shall [ID TH to delete also], to the extent possible, undertake the following cooperative activities:

Commented [sr9]: Focus on Green Economy

¹ For clarity, circular economy [SG: in-manufacturing] shall include capacity-building on the concept of remanufacturing, repairing/altering of goods.

- (a) TH SG VN KH MY BN 10 14 MM explore information exchanges, [KH BN TH 10 14 MM SG VN MY capacity building] and dialogues on technical regulations, collaborations on standards development and adoption of internationally recognised standards, mutual recognition of conformity assessment procedures in relation to the green economy;
- (b) TH SG VN KH MY BN MM LA promote and facilitate green economy trade and investment cooperation with relevant government agencies, to expand opportunities for business and industry; and
- (c) TH SG VN BN MM [PH KH LA MY to delete explore principles and proposals put forward by any Member State on the rules of origin (ROOs) for environmental goods which facilitate trade, recognise modern sustainable production methods and logistics, and take into consideration supply chain realities and evidence-based analysis.]

Article :

Non-Application of Chapter 17 (Consultations and Dispute Settlement)

The <EDSM Protocol> shall not apply to any matter arising under this Chapter.



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23 July 2024

Please refer to the attached Distribution List

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

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22-24 August	45 th Sub-Committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin (SCAROO)	BOC
	11th ATIGA Working Group on Rules of Origin (WGROO)	BOI, BOC, BIS, DA, TC, EMB, DOJ
26-29 August	11th ATIGA Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)	BOI, BOC, DA, TC, EMB, DOJ, DENR, NEDA, DFA, DOF, DOE

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Should you have any further queries, you may contact Mr. Cha Gyu Lim (ChaGyuLim@dti.gov.ph) and Kiezel T. Gendrano (kiezelgendrano@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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Invitation to the 11th ATIGA Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) and ATIGA Working Group on Rules of Origin (WGROO)

1 message

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Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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