

DECISION N° 1

Functions and Rules of Procedures for the Joint Committee of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini

The Joint Committee of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation (hereafter referred to as the “Agreement”) between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini signed on June 8, 2018, pursuant to its powers and according to what is established in Article 14 of the Agreement.

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 Article 14 (2) or their representatives.

1.2 The functions of the Joint Committee shall be:

- a) To promote the effective administration and implementation of this Agreement;
- b) To facilitate regular communication and consultation between the Parties;
- c) To facilitate the exchange of information at the request of either Party;
- d) To periodically review the possibility of further removal of obstacles to trade between the Parties; and
- e) Within six (6) months of entry into force of this Agreement, to define priority sectors for technical cooperation and request the Parties respective relevant authorities to identify specific projects and establish mechanisms for their implementation.

1.3 The Joint Committee shall:

- a) Establish sub-committees for any purpose under this Agreement.
- b) Establish its own rules of procedures.



2.0 Sub-Committees shall

- a) Prepare and revise technical documents for decision-making under this Agreement.
- b) Implement the decisions of the Joint Committee.
- c) Consider any other matters that may affect the operation of the Agreement, assigned by the Joint Committee.

3.0 Rules of Procedures

3.1 Meetings

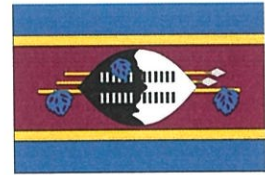
- a) The Joint Committee shall meet once a year in an ordinary session and, at the request of one of the Parties, in extraordinary session. The sessions shall be held at locations within each respective Party on an alternating basis.
- b) Where considered appropriate by the Parties, the Joint Committee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

3.2 Delegations

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

3.3 Agenda

- a) The provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the 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.
- b) The Joint Committee shall adopt the agenda at the beginning of each session.
- c) 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

- a) The decisions of the Joint Committee shall be adopted by consensus. The decisions shall be assigned in a correlative numerical order, indicating the corresponding date.
- b) 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.
- c) 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 the representatives of the Parties, and shall be recorded in English.
- d) When the Joint Committee adopts the Decisions, they shall be incorporated to the corresponding minutes as annexes.

3.5 Chairing

The meetings will be co-chaired by the representative of both Parties.

3.6 Non-public Sessions

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

3.7 Costs

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.



3.8 Secretariat

The coordination and secretarial duties of the sessions of the Joint Committee shall be performed by the representatives of the Joint Committee alternately for a period of twelve (12) months.

4. All timeframes stipulated in these Rules of Procedures may be reduced or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

The Decision is signed in duplicate, in the Chinese and English languages, with both texts being equally authentic.

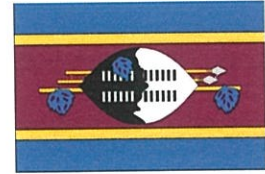
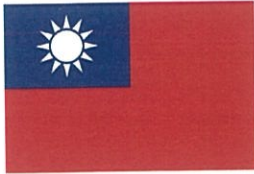
The Decision is signed in the city of Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan) on May 22, 2019, and shall enter into force on this date.

**For the Government of
The Republic of China (Taiwan)**

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Ministry of Economic Affairs

**For the Government of
The Kingdom of Eswatini**

Manqoba Khumalo
Minister,
Ministry of Commerce,
Industry and Trade



Annex 1

The representative of the Kingdom of Eswatini to co-chair the Joint Committee shall be the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade, accompanied by Principal Secretaries from the Ministry of:

- (i) Commerce, Industry and Trade;
- (ii) Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation;
- (iii) Agriculture; and
- (iv) Economic Planning and Development.

Other Government agencies may be invited where necessary.

And the following CEOs:

- (i) Eswatini Investment Promotion Agency (EIPA);
- (ii) Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA); and
- (iii) Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA).

The following observers will only attend by invitation:

- (i) Eswatini Business Community
- (ii) Federation of Eswatini Business Community (FESBC)

Other associations or companies may be invited if necessary.



Annex 2

The representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to co-chair the Joint Committee shall be the Minister of Economic Affairs, accompanied by representatives from:

- (i) Ministry of Economic Affairs,
- (ii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (iii) Ministry of Finance;
- (iv) Ministry of Health and Welfare; and
- (v) Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan.

Other government agencies may be invited where necessary.

The following observers will only attend by invitation:

- (i) Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA); and
- (ii) Chinese International Economic Cooperation Association (CIECA), Taiwan.

Other associations or companies may be invited if necessary.