

12. The following shall be Chapter 12:

CHAPTER 12

SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY

Article 12.1

Co-operation on Supply Chain Connectivity

1. Member States shall, to the extent practicable, co-operate to enhance supply chain connectivity within the region, including to:

- (a) exchange information and best practices in relation to supply chain connectivity;
- (b) encourage active participation of the private sector in supporting a co-ordinated approach;
- (c) explore joint research and development to support the resilience and connectivity of supply chains;
- (d) prepare for possible supply chain disruption in the region and formulate relevant recovery plans;
- (e) communicate and consult in a timely manner to address related issues as soon as possible when supply chain disruption occurs in the region; and
- (f) give positive consideration to proposals for co-operation on matters of mutual interest, on request of another Member State including, where possible, developing appropriate mechanisms to facilitate timely information sharing, and conducting joint actions to better anticipate and respond to supply chain disruptions.

2. The ATIGA Joint Committee may discuss issues and areas of co-operation related to the implementation of this Chapter and shall undertake co-operation through ways and means considered appropriate by the ATIGA Joint Committee.

3. The co-operation activities under this Chapter are subject to:

(a) the availability of funds and human and other resources; and

(b) the applicable laws, regulations, and policies,

of the Member States.

Article 12.2

Non-Application of Dispute Settlement

Dispute settlement mechanisms in this Agreement shall not apply to any matter arising under this Chapter.