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## **CHAPTER 17**

### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 17.1**

##### **Annexes, Appendices, and Footnotes**

The Annexes, Appendices, and footnotes to this Agreement shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

#### **Article 17.2**

##### **Relation to Other Agreements**

1. Each Member State affirms its rights and obligations with respect to another Member State under the WTO Agreement and other international agreements to which the Member States are party.
2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to derogate from any right and obligation of a Member State under the WTO Agreement and other international agreements to which it is a party.
3. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and any other international agreement to which two or more Member States are party, such Member States shall immediately consult with a view to finding a mutually satisfactory solution.
4. Member States affirm the list of superseded agreements as set out in Annex II (List of Superseded Agreements).

### **Article 17.3**

#### **Amended or Successor International Agreements**

If any international agreement, or any provision therein, referred to in this Agreement or incorporated into this Agreement is amended, or such an international agreement is succeeded by another international agreement, Member States shall, on request of any Member State, consult on whether it is necessary to amend this Agreement, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement.

### **Article 17.4**

#### **Amendments**

1. The provisions of this Agreement may be modified through amendments mutually agreed upon in writing by the Member States.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the Annexes and Appendices to this Agreement may be modified through amendments endorsed by the AFTA Council, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement. The amendments shall be administratively annexed to this Agreement and form an integral part of this Agreement.

### **Article 17.5**

#### **General Review**

1. Member States shall undertake a general review of this Agreement with a view to updating and enhancing this Agreement to ensure that this Agreement remains relevant to the trade and investment issues and challenges confronting Member States, five years after the date of entry into force of

the Second Protocol, and every five years thereafter, unless Member States agree otherwise.

2. The general review referred to in paragraph 1 shall include discussions on circular economy-related issues relevant to this Agreement, unless an earlier date to commence discussions on the circular economy is agreed upon by Member States. Member States shall conclude the discussions on the circular economy within three years from the date of commencement of such discussions, unless Member States agree otherwise.

## **Article 17.6**

### **Entry into Force**

1. This Agreement shall be signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force, after all Member States have notified or, where necessary, deposited instruments of ratifications with the Secretary-General of ASEAN upon completion of their internal procedures, which shall not take more than 180 days after the signing of this Agreement.

3. The Secretary-General of ASEAN shall promptly notify all Member States of the notifications or deposit of each instrument of ratification referred to in paragraph 2.

## **Article 17.7**

### **Reservations**

No reservations shall be made with respect to any of the provisions of this Agreement.

## **Article 17.8**

### **Depositary**

This Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof to each Member State.