

## CHAPTER ONE

### OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL DEFINITIONS

#### ARTICLE 1.1

##### **Objectives**

1. The Parties hereby establish a free trade area on goods, services, establishment and associated rules in accordance with this Agreement.
2. The objectives of this Agreement are:
  - (a) to liberalise and facilitate trade in goods between the Parties, in conformity with Article XXIV of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* (hereinafter referred to as "GATT 1994");
  - (b) to liberalise trade in services and investment between the Parties, in conformity with Article V of the *General Agreement on Trade in Services* (hereinafter referred to as "GATS");
  - (c) to promote competition in their economies, particularly as it relates to economic relations between the Parties;
  - (d) to further liberalise, on a mutual basis, the government procurement markets of the Parties;
  - (e) to adequately and effectively protect intellectual property rights;
  - (f) to contribute, by removing barriers to trade and by developing an environment conducive to increased investment flows, to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade;
  - (g) to commit, in the recognition that sustainable development is an overarching objective, to the development of international trade in such a way as to contribute to the objective of sustainable development and strive to ensure that this objective is integrated and reflected at every level of the Parties' trade relationship; and
  - (h) to promote foreign direct investment without lowering or reducing environmental, labour or occupational health and safety standards in the application and enforcement of environmental and labour laws of the Parties.

## ARTICLE 1.2

### **General Definitions**

Throughout this Agreement, references to:

**the Parties** mean, on the one hand, Korea and on the other hand, the United Kingdom;  
and

**Korea-EU FTA** mean the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 6 October 2010.

## ARTICLE 1.3

### **References to Legislation**

1. References in this Agreement to Korean or European Union legislation are to be read as references to that legislation as amended or replaced on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, provided that such amendments or replacements do not reduce market access, or increase barriers to trade, between the Parties.<sup>1</sup>
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, European Union legislation is replaced by that European Union legislation in force as incorporated or implemented in United Kingdom law on the day after the United Kingdom ceases to be bound by the relevant European Union legislation.
3. Where references to European Union legislation are found in provisions of this Agreement which extend to territories for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible, as set out in Article 15.15, “United Kingdom law” in paragraph 2 includes the law of those territories.
4. Where references to United Kingdom legislation are found in provisions of this Agreement which extend to territories for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible, as set out in Article 15.15, those references to United Kingdom legislation shall, in respect of those territories, be read as references to the corresponding legislation of those territories.

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<sup>1</sup> For greater certainty, withdrawal of treatment that the United Kingdom was granting to Korea only as a result of the United Kingdom’s participation in the internal market of the European Union shall not be considered a reduction of market access or increase in barriers to trade between the Parties.