



Report IV Joint Committee Chile - EFTA November 12th, 2014

Delegates from Chile and the EFTA States convened in Santiago, 11 November 2014 for the fourth Joint Committee meeting under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) of 2004. The meeting was chaired by Pablo Urria, Director of Bilateral Economic Affairs, of Chile, while Mr Erik Andreas Underland, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Norway, headed EFTA delegation. The list of participants is attached in Annex I.

The discussion starts with the approval of the agenda, attached in annex 2.

The Parties assessed their positions related to ongoing multilateral negotiations; WTO, Tisa; and their ongoing bilateral negotiations.

The Parties agreed to include the report of the Sub-committee on Customs and Origin Matters, attached in annex 3, making a short briefing on the discussions held the day before. In that occasion, the Parties decided to continue the negotiations of the agreement on Trade Facilitation through video conference and also work towards the harmonization of the rules of origin on agricultural products. Additionally, the Parties took the opportunity to exchange views on accumulation and certification of origin.

EFTA and Chile exchanged views regarding the protection of undisclosed information under Chilean law. Chile reiterated its availability to discuss any problem that might arise with respect to this issue, as well as the availability of Chilean health institutions to engage with the industry in any specific case or problem related to the protection of undisclosed test or other data in Chile. ..

In relation of the Modernization of the agreement, Parties expressed their interests and the expectations that have in relation to the areas where it could move forward and where there are technical and political sensitivities. Also, dealt with the possibility to include new matters and improve the disciplines of other chapters. The discussion included;

- Industrial Products
- Complimentary Agreements on Agriculture



- Trade In Services and Establishment
- Government Procurement
- Trade and Sustainable Development

Finally, the parties agreed to exchange lists of requests on tariff matters for the first week of January 2015. They also agreed to hold a videoconference last week of January to examine the possibilities of moving forward over a possible modernization of the Agreement in light of the requests that each Party will submit in Trade in Goods.

Relating to technical barriers to trade (TBT), the parties assessed their positions related to the regulation that implements the law 20.606 on nutritional labelling of foods. Also, the Parties reviewed the State of the application of export to Chile Composite gas cylinders (composed of highly resistant polymer), performed by a company of Norway. Parties reported on the meeting held the previous day with the Superintendence of Electricity and fuels.