

ARTICLE 15: JOINT COMMITTEE

1. A Joint Committee is hereby established to supervise the proper implementation of this Agreement and to review the trade relationship between the Parties.
2. The functions of the Joint Committee shall include, *inter alia*:
 - (a) reviewing the general functioning of this Agreement;
 - (b) reviewing the results of this Agreement in light of the experience gained during its functioning and its objectives, and considering ways of improving trade relations between the Parties, and furthering the objectives of the Agreement, including through further cooperation and assistance;
 - (c) facilitating the avoidance and settlement of disputes, including through consultations pursuant to Articles 17.1 (b) and 17.2 (a);
 - (d) considering and adopting any amendment to this Agreement or modification to the commitments therein, provided that the adoption of such amendment or modification shall be subject to the domestic legal requirements of each Party;
 - (e) developing guidelines, explanatory materials, and rules on the proper implementation of this Agreement, as necessary, and particularly: (i) guidelines and explanatory materials on the implementation of Annex 2.2, and (ii) rules for the selection and conduct of members of panels formed under Article 17, and model rules of procedure for such panels;
 - (f) at its first meeting, discussing the review performed by each Party of the environmental effects of this Agreement.
3. Structure of the Joint Committee
 - (a) The Joint Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Parties and shall be headed by (i) the United States Trade Representative and (ii) Jordan's Minister primarily responsible for international trade, or their designees.
 - (b) The Joint Committee may establish and delegate responsibilities to ad hoc and standing committees or working groups, and seek the advice of non-governmental persons or groups.
4. The Joint Committee shall convene at least once a year in regular session in order to review the general functioning of the Agreement. Regular sessions of the Joint Committee shall be held alternately in each country. Special meetings of the Joint Committee shall also be convened within 30 days at the request of either Party and shall be held in the territory of the other Party, except as the Parties may

otherwise agree. The Joint Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure. All decisions of the Joint Committee shall be taken by consensus.

5. Recognizing the importance of transparency and openness, the Parties reaffirm their respective practices of considering the views of interested members of the public in order to draw upon a broad range of perspectives in the implementation of this Agreement.

6. Each Party shall designate an office to serve as the contact point with regard to this Agreement. That office shall receive official correspondence related to this Agreement and provide administrative assistance to the Joint Committee and to dispute settlement panels established under Article 17.