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1. The Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods (hereinafter referred to as the "Sub-Committee") comprising representatives of each Party.
2. The Sub-Committee may consider any matter arising under Chapters 2 (Trade in Non-Agricultural Products) and 3 (Trade In Agricultural Products), including Annexes I (Rules of Origin), including its Appendix (Product Specific Rules), and VI (Trade Facilitation).
3. The Sub-Committee shall:
  - (a) monitor and review the implementation of commitments under Chapters 2 (Trade in Non-Agricultural Products) and 3 (Trade In Agricultural Products);
  - (b) prepare technical amendments, including HS updates;
  - (c) undertake consultations, as appropriate;
  - (d) make recommendations on matters arising from the implementation of Chapters 2 (Trade in Non-Agricultural Products) and 3 (Trade In Agricultural Products) and report to the Joint Committee;
  - (e) exchange information and review developments;
  - (f) carry out other functions with respect to trade in goods which may be delegated by the Joint Committee.
4. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.
5. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee, or on request of a Party. The place of the meeting shall alternate between an EFTA State and the Philippines, as agreed by the Parties. The Parties may mutually agree to hold a Sub-Committee meeting by electronic means of communication.
6. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be co-chaired by a representative of an EFTA State and the Philippines. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the host of the Sub-Committee in consultation with the other Parties, and forwarded to them, as a general rule no later than two weeks before the meeting.

7. A report shall be prepared by the Sub-Committee on the results of each of the Sub-Committee meetings, and the hosting chairperson shall, if requested, report at the following meeting of the Joint Committee.

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