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1. The Parties hereby establish a Sub-Committee on Trade in Goods (Sub-Committee) comprising representatives of the competent authorities of each Party responsible for the application of Chapters 2 (Trade in Non-Agricultural Goods), 3 (Trade in Agricultural Goods), 4 (Technical Barriers to Trade) and 5 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) of the Agreement including Annex I (Rules of Origin and Administrative Cooperation), Annex VIII (Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation) and the Annexes IX - XII on Technical Barriers to Trade (Electrical and Electronic Products, Good Laboratory Practice, Good Manufacturing Practice, Marking and Labelling). Each Party shall be responsible for the composition of its delegation.
2. The Sub-Committee may consider matters arising under Chapters 2 (Trade in Non-Agricultural Goods), 3 (Trade in Agricultural Goods), 4 (Technical Barriers to Trade) and 5 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) of the Agreement, including Annex I (Rules of Origin and Administrative Cooperation) Annex VIII (Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation), and Annexes IX-XII on Technical Barriers to Trade (Electrical and Electronic Products, Good Laboratory Practice, Good Manufacturing Practice, Marking and Labelling).
3. The Sub-Committee shall:
 - (a) discuss, review and monitor the implementation and operation of the Chapters and Annexes in accordance with paragraph 2 and any other issues related to trade in goods;
 - (b) exchange information and review developments;
 - (c) report the findings and the outcome of discussions, and make recommendations to the Joint Committee as necessary;
 - (d) assist the Joint Committee by preparing technical amendments to the Annexes relevant to trade in goods;
 - (e) address barriers to trade in goods between the Parties, especially those related to the application of non-tariff measures, and, if appropriate, refer such matters to the Joint Committee for its consideration; and
 - (f) address other matters with respect to trade in goods that are referred to the Sub-Committee by the Joint Committee.
4. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee, by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee or upon request of a Party. The meeting shall take place alternately between an EFTA State and Malaysia, as agreed by the Parties. The Parties may mutually agree to hold a Sub-Committee meeting by electronic means of communication.
5. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.

6. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of an EFTA State or Malaysia for an agreed period of time. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the chair 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 of the results of each meeting, and the chair shall, if requested, report at the following meeting of the Joint Committee.
