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Content : Article 1

These Rules are enacted pursuant to Article 36 of the Foreign Trade Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Article 2

The terms "foreign country" and "other country", as used in the Act, include any separate customs territory designated under the World Trade Organization.

Article 3

A measure to temporarily suspend export/import or other necessary measures to be taken by the competent authority under Article 6 of the Act shall be reported to the Executive Yuan at the time of publication and submitted to the Legislative Yuan for ratification within one month from the date of publication.

Article 4

The necessary measures to be taken by the competent authority under Article 6 of the Act against any specific country or territory or any specific goods include restrictions on quantities, prices, qualities, specifications, payment methods, and ways of exportation or importation of goods. They may also include a request for the Ministry of Finance to exercise its power to impose special tariffs in accordance with applicable laws.

Article 5

The terms "international treaty" or "agreement" mentioned in subparagraph 5, paragraph 1 of Article 6, the proviso in paragraph 1 of Article 11, paragraph 1 of Article 13, paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 16, the proviso in paragraph 2 of Article 20-2, and paragraph 1 of Article 20-3 of the Act refer to:

1. Any treaties or agreements signed by Taiwan with any foreign country; and
2. Any conventions or agreements signed and approved by any multilateral organizations in which Taiwan is a participant, or not a participant therein, yet are mutually recognized and abided by countries in general.

Article 6

To expand foreign trade relations, the competent authority shall hold or participate in bilateral or multilateral economic and trade cooperation conferences and sign arrangements or agreements with specific countries or territories that help to enhance bilateral economic and trade relations based on economic and trade developments or needs.

Article 7

Prohibitions and controls against specific countries or territories under Article 5, temporary suspensions of export/import of goods or other necessary measures under Article 6, restrictions stipulated in the proviso in paragraph 1 of Article 11, the administration of export/import of strategic high-tech goods stipulated in Article 13, the administration of endangered flora and fauna stipulated in Article 13-1, quotas with or without charges or other response measures adopted under Article 16,

and import relief measures adopted under Article 18 of the Act shall all be announced by public notices and implemented from the date of publication or any other designated date.

Article 8

If any one of the following circumstances applies to exporters or importers prior to the date of publication or the designated date as stated in Article 7, they may still export or import goods, unless it is otherwise stipulated in other regulations:

1. The exporter or importer has already obtained an export or import permit which is still valid; or
2. The L/C applied for by the importer has been issued, the payment for goods has already been remitted, or goods have already been shipped out from a foreign country, which can be corroborated by supporting documents; or
3. The exporter has received an L/C issued by a bank in a foreign country or already collected payment for goods, which can be corroborated by supporting documents.

The supporting documents referred to in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the preceding paragraph shall contain the names and quantities of the goods.

Article 8-1

To manage trade and collect statistics under the Act, the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) of the MOEA may use the Customs Import Tariff Code as the classification framework to compile its Export and Import Commodity Classification Schedule.

Article 9

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Article 10

Regarding export/import of goods, if quotas with or without charges are required under paragraph 1 of Article 16 of the Act, the BOFT may adopt any of the following actions:

1. Issue and allocate quotas unilaterally or jointly with relevant authorities.
2. Commission financial institutions, trade associations, or juristic persons with the administration of quotas.
3. Designate a government operated trading organization to import such goods through tendering procedures.
4. Handle the matter as designated or approved by the competent authority.

Article 11

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Article 12

Income received from charged quotas shall be turned over to the Treasury unless otherwise approved by the Executive Yuan.

Operational expenditures required by organizations commissioned with quota administration shall be compensated by the BOFT through its budgetary procedures, except those which were not turned

over to the Treasury.

Article 12-1

The term “illegal transfer of exports/imports,” as mentioned in subparagraph 2, paragraph 4 of Article 16 of the Act, refers to exported products subject to quota restrictions that are not of Taiwan

origin, but exported to countries or areas where import restraints are enforced under quotas set by Taiwan.

The term “circumventing inspection,” as mentioned in subparagraph 3, paragraph 4 of Article 16, means that the exporter/importer, as required by the measures stipulated in paragraph 6 of Article 16

of the Act, failed to maintain relevant production materials and documentation or refused either to submit the said materials and documentation or declined to cooperate with the inspection.

The term "overseas processing," as mentioned in subparagraph 6, paragraph 4 of Article 16 of the Act, means that raw materials or semi-finished products that are processed abroad into finished products are subject to quota restrictions, after which these processed products are re-imported into Taiwan for re-export under the quotas set by Taiwan, or the products are exported directly from the overseas processing locations under the quotas set by Taiwan.

Article 13

The term "other countries," as mentioned in subparagraph 1 of Article 17 and subparagraph 1, paragraph 1 of Article 30 of the Act, refers to any country or territory which has a multilateral or bilateral protection treaty or agreement on intellectual property rights with Taiwan.

Article 14

In an investigation on injuries conducted by the competent authority under Article 19 of the Act, determination of substantial injury, threat of substantial injury, or substantial obstacles to the establishment of the domestic industry concerned shall be based on the same criteria that the Ministry of Finance uses to determine countervailing or anti-dumping duties under Articles 67 and 68 of the Customs Law, and given the same recognition as to whether there is substantial injury, threat of substantial injury, or substantial obstacles to the establishment of the domestic industry concerned under Article 69 of the same Law.

Article 15

To promote foreign trade, the competent authority may handle it unilaterally or commission the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), other relevant organizations, juristic persons, or trade associations with the following matters:

1. Develop promotional plans for economic and trade matters with specific countries or territories.
2. Investigate and remove foreign trade barriers against Taiwan.
3. Assist in responding to foreign trade allegations against Taiwan.
4. Promote a guidance system for corporate marketing.
5. Promote an identification system for quality products.
6. Establish overseas footholds for trade affairs in specific countries or territories.
7. Train personnel on trade negotiations and trade promotions.
8. Hold and participate in international exhibitions.
9. Commend local manufacturers on their import/export of national products and foreign purchasers of excellent local products.
10. Assist local exporters/importers and overseas Taiwanese firms with trade promotion.
11. Increase other activities that help promote foreign trade.

Article 16

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Article 17

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 21 of the Act, exporters/importers shall pay trade promotion service fees within fourteen days of the date that customs issued the certificate of payment.

Regarding collection of the aforementioned trade promotion service fees, customs shall include the fees with the certificate of payment and import duties for imported goods to be collected simultaneously; for exported goods, the fees shall be collected after customs clearance and shipment.

Article 18

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Article 19

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Article 20

The term "frozen," mentioned in paragraph 3 of Article 29 of the Act, refers to the suspension of quota transfers, change of categories, applications for temporary quotas, and utilization of quotas for export licenses.

Article 21

In accordance with subparagraph 1 or 2, paragraph 1 of Article 30 of the Act, the BOFT may commission customs to handle the suspension or reinstatement of the right of an exporter/importer to export/import goods.

Article 21-1

Regarding exporters/importers who are suspended from exporting/importing goods pursuant to the provisions under Article 27-1, paragraph 1 of Article 27-2 or Articles 28 to 30 of the Act, if any one

of the following circumstances applies to them before punishment, and the circumstances are confirmed by the BOFT, the exportation/importation of such goods shall be completed within one month after such punishment, unless it is otherwise stipulated in other regulations:

1. The exporter or importer has already obtained an export or import permit which is still valid; or
2. The L/C applied for by the importer has already been issued, payment for the goods has already been remitted, or goods have already been shipped out from a foreign country, which can be corroborated by supporting documents; or
3. The exporter has received an L/C issued by a bank in a foreign country or already collected payment for goods, as can be corroborated by supporting documents.

The supporting documents referred to in subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the preceding paragraph, shall contain the names or quantities of the goods.

Article 22

Trade affairs involving Technology Industrial Parks, Science Parks, Free Trade Zones or Agricultural Technology Parks that are handled by the BOFT of the MOEA may be commissioned to the administrative offices of such Zones or Parks or other administrative authorities.

Article 23

These Rules shall enter into force on the date of promulgation.