

Protocol to Amend the Agreement

between

New Zealand

and

Singapore

on a Closer Economic Partnership

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PREAMBLE

The Government of New Zealand (“New Zealand”) and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (“Singapore”), hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” or collectively as “the Parties”,

RECALLING the *Agreement between New Zealand and Singapore on a Closer Economic Partnership* done at Singapore on 14 November 2000, and which entered into force on 1 January 2001, with subsequent amendments (hereinafter referred to as “ANZSCEP”);

RECOGNISING the significant contribution of trade liberalisation in essential supplies for enhancing supply chain resilience;

FURTHER RECOGNISING that it is in their mutual interest to strengthen linkages to the rest of the world and keep trade lines open, including via air and sea freight to facilitate the flow of essential supplies;

AFFIRMING their commitment to maintain open and connected supply chains;

DETERMINED to work closely to identify, address, and minimise trade disruptions with ramifications on the flow of essential supplies;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of refraining from adopting restrictive measures including export prohibitions or restrictions and non-tariff barriers; and

SEEKING to establish a stable and predictable environment for the flow of essential supplies, including by not imposing, reducing or eliminating non-tariff barriers,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

General Provisions and Entry into Force

1. This Protocol, Annex 1*bis* and the Appendix to Annex 1*bis* shall form an integral part of ANZSCEP.
2. The Parties shall notify each other in writing upon the completion of their respective domestic procedures required for the entry into force of this Protocol. This Protocol, Annex 1*bis* and the Appendix to Annex 1*bis* attached hereto shall enter into force on the date specified in such exchange of notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE in duplicate at Singapore on this 4th day of May 2026.

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New Zealand:**

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Republic of Singapore:**

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ANNEX 1*BIS*

(AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES)

ANNEX 1BIS

AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

General Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) **essential supplies** means the products listed within the Appendix to Annex 1*bis* (“Appendix”);
 - (b) **supply chain** means the materials, parts and finished goods that are distributed through the chain, and the associated logistical processes, for manufacture and sale between and among enterprises in the economies of the Parties;
 - (c) **supply chain disruption** means a severe interruption, delay, or shortage that (i) impacts either or both Parties; and (ii) significantly impairs the production of, the cross-border movement of, or access to, materials, articles or commodities or the delivery of related services, including but not limited to essential services. Supply chain disruptions may be due to, among other causes, pandemics and regional epidemics, weather events, disasters declared or recognised by a central or sub-central government, cyber incidents, logistical interruptions, insufficient supply of raw materials or components, bottlenecks, or armed conflict, or as otherwise determined by either or both Parties; and
 - (d) **this Agreement** means the Agreement on Trade in Essential Supplies.

Scope

2. This Agreement shall apply in the event of a supply chain disruption or an imminent supply chain disruption. This Agreement shall apply only to essential supplies traded between the Parties.

3. The Parties may agree, in writing, to amend the Appendix. Amendments to the Appendix shall enter into force on such date or dates as may be agreed between them. A Party may request, in writing, an urgent meeting with the other Party to amend the List of Products in the Appendix. The Party to which the request is made shall reply to that request promptly, and in any event, no later than five days after the date of delivery of the request. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, the meeting shall be held within 10 days after the date of delivery of the request.

Connectivity and Facilitation of Trade in Essential Supplies

4. Each Party shall, consistent with its obligations under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Facilitation, expedite and facilitate the flow and transit of essential supplies through their respective sea and air ports.

Release and Clearance of Essential Supplies

5. Each Party shall adopt or maintain pre-arrival processing of import documentation and other required information, including manifests, in electronic format.

6. Each Party shall allow all customs duties, taxes, and charges to be paid through an electronic payment system with respect to essential supplies.

Responses to Disruptions to the Flow of Essential Supplies and Supply Chain Disruptions

7. In the event of a supply chain disruption to the flow of essential supplies, each Party shall work to facilitate communication with logistics providers on:

- (a) availability and accessibility of capacity for key modes of transportation;
- (b) identification of alternative shipping or air routes including multimodal transportation; and
- (c) unloading or loading,

for essential supplies.

8. In the event of a supply chain disruption to the flow of essential supplies, the Parties shall, to the extent practicable, and at the earliest opportunity, cooperate to:

- (a) keep ports and terminals open to seaborne or airborne trade;
- (b) allow merchant ships or planes to continue to berth at terminals to carry out cargo operations;
- (c) facilitate the transfer of cargo and crew where necessary; and

(d) explore streamlining of smoother customs processes to minimise disruption to cargo operations,

for essential supplies.

Each Party shall, to the extent practicable, lift movement restrictions to restore any disrupted transportation and logistical services at the earliest opportunity to facilitate the efficient movement of essential supplies.

9. Each Party shall, to the extent practicable, facilitate emergency transportation requests by the other Party to expedite the conveyance of essential supplies.

10. Each Party shall hold consultations with the other Party with a view to introducing appropriate response measures, as set out in Paragraphs 7 to 9, that would facilitate the efficient movement of essential supplies.

11. If a request for consultation under Paragraph 10 is made, the Party to which the request is made shall:

(a) reply to the request within seven days after the date of its receipt, or earlier, as agreed between the Parties; and

(b) enter into consultations within a period of no more than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request, or earlier, as agreed between the Parties, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution as soon as practicable.

12. Each Party shall designate national contact points to facilitate communication and coordination between the Parties during a supply chain disruption involving either or both Parties. Each Party shall notify the other

Party of its designated national contact point as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and thereafter shall notify the other Party of any change in its designated national contact point as soon as practicable.

13. In the event of a supply chain disruption, or in the event that a Party expects an imminent supply chain disruption, a Party may request an emergency in-person or virtual meeting, which should meet as soon as practicable but no later than 15 days after the date when the Party requests such a meeting.

14. On its request for an emergency meeting, the Party experiencing a supply chain disruption, or expecting an imminent supply chain disruption, shall share the following information about the supply chain disruption as soon as practicable, if available, appropriate, and non-proprietary:

- (a) the impact or expected impact of the supply chain disruption on the Party's national security, public health and safety, or economy;
- (b) the cause of the supply chain disruption;
- (c) the expected duration of the supply chain disruption;
- (d) how essential supplies are likely to be affected by the supply chain disruption;
- (e) what measures the Party has taken or expects to take in response to the supply chain disruption; and
- (f) what assistance would be helpful from the other Party.

15. Each Party is committed to supporting the other Party's response to a supply chain disruption or an imminent supply chain disruption to the extent possible, in accordance with its domestic law, respect for market principles, and the goal of minimising market distortions, and with appropriate recognition given to actions being led or undertaken by the private sector. Such support may include:

- (a) sharing best practices or experiences dealing with similar supply chain disruptions;
- (b) facilitating business matching within each Party's economy to support supply chain recovery;
- (c) encouraging the private sector to increase production and engage in the temporary repurposing and conversion of production to address shortages in essential supplies;
- (d) engaging in dialogues with its private sector to provide greater certainty in the flow of essential supplies during supply chain disruptions;
- (e) exploring and facilitating joint procurements and delivery of essential supplies;
- (f) facilitating the cross-border movement of air and maritime crew to enable the movement of essential supplies, subject to applicable procedures related to travel documents and authorisations, and taking into account crew treatment guidelines developed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation and the International Maritime Organisation, as adopted or maintained by each Party;

- (g) facilitating hinterland transportation where possible and appropriate to support efficient movements in and out of ports, especially congested ports;
- (h) encouraging enterprises to uphold existing commercial contracts to provide greater certainty in the flow of materials, articles or commodities with respect to essential supplies; or
- (i) maintaining procedures to expeditiously process the export of essential supplies.

16. In the event of a supply chain disruption, each Party shall refrain from unnecessary actions that would exacerbate shortages and significantly impact the other Party's supply chains.

Quantitative Restrictions

17. Further to Article 2.10.1 of the ANZSCEP, Article XI:2(a) of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994* and its interpretative notes shall not apply with respect to the exportation or sale for export of any essential supplies from the territory of a Party to the territory of the other Party.

Consultation and Transparency

18. Paragraphs 19 to 28 of this Agreement do not apply to:

- (a) Sanitary and phytosanitary measures that are subject to consultations and transparency requirements of Chapter 5 (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures) of the ANZSCEP; and

(b) Fisheries Quota Management System-related measures, other than export prohibitions or export restrictions.

19. With respect to essential supplies traded between the Parties, where a Party proposes to adopt a measure in response to or during a supply chain disruption that may adversely affect the trade, that Party shall, as soon as practicable, provide information in writing to the other Party, including the nature, the start date and expected duration, and the rationale of the measure. Where it is not practicable to provide such information prior to the adoption of an urgent measure, the Party adopting the urgent measure shall provide the information in writing to the other Party as soon as possible.

20. Further to Article 16.2.1 of the ANZSCEP, the Party proposing to adopt a measure in response to or during a supply chain disruption that may adversely affect the trade in essential supplies between the Parties shall, to the extent possible, ensure the timely dissemination of all relevant information about the measure such as the start date and expected duration, which shall be made available in a manner that enables interested persons to become acquainted with them.

21. A Party shall, on request, provide opportunity for comment by the other Party on a proposed measure to be adopted in response to or during a supply chain disruption, which the other Party considers to be adversely affecting the trade in essential supplies between the Parties. A Party that is affected by the measure may request the information set out in Paragraph 19.

22. With respect to essential supplies traded between the Parties, each Party shall, on request, accord adequate opportunity for consultations on a

measure adopted in response to or during a supply chain disruption where the other Party considers that measure to adversely affect the trade.

23. A request for consultation under Paragraph 22 shall be made in writing and shall clearly identify the measure and the concerns as to how the measure adversely affects trade in essential supplies between the Parties.

24. Consultations may be conducted via any means mutually agreed by the Parties.

25. If a request for consultation is made in accordance with Paragraph 23, the Party to which the request is made shall:

(a) reply to the request within seven days after the date of its receipt, or earlier, as agreed between the Parties; and

(b) enter into consultations within a period of no more than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request, or earlier, as agreed between the Parties.

26. The Parties shall make every effort to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of any matter through consultations within 60 days of the request, or within an earlier timeframe, as agreed between the Parties.

27. If the Party requesting consultation considers that the matter is urgent or involves perishable goods, the Party may request for consultations to take place within a shorter time frame than that provided for under Paragraph 25.

Review and Withdrawal of Measures

28. With respect to essential supplies traded between the Parties, where a Party adopts a measure in response to or during a supply chain disruption that may adversely affect the trade, the Party shall review and withdraw such a measure as soon as practicable if the circumstances giving rise to its introduction no longer exist.

APPENDIX TO ANNEX 1BIS

List of Products

HS6 Code	HS6 Description
New Zealand's List	
271012	LIGHT OILS & PREPARATIONS CONTAINING BY WEIGHT 70 % OR MORE OF PETROLEUM OILS OR OILS FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS
271019	OTHER PETROLEUM OILS & OILS FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS NOT CRUDE & PREPARATIONS NES CONTAINING BY WEIGHT 70% OR MORE OF PETROLEUM OILS OR OF OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS EXCL THOSE CONTAINING BIODIESEL & WASTE OILS
281121	CARBON DIOXIDE
290110	ACYCLIC HYDROCARBONS SATURATED
290230	TOLUENE
291521	ACETIC ACID
293040	METHIONINE
300215	IMMUNOLOGICAL PRODUCTS PUT UP IN MEASURED DOSES OR IN FORMS OF PACKING FOR RETAIL SALE
330210	ODORIFEROUS PREPARATIONS USED IN THE FOOD OR DRINK INDUSTRIES
381190	OTHER PREPARED ADDITIVES FOR OTHER MINERAL OILS OR FOR OTHER LIQUIDS OF THE SAME PURPOSE
390110	POLYETHYLENE WITH SPECIFIC GRAVITY BELOW 0.94 IN PRIMARY FORMS
390120	POLYETHYLENE OF SPECIFIC GRAVITY 0.94 OR MORE

390190	OTHER POLYMERS OF ETHYLENE IN PRIMARY FORMS
390210	POLYPROPYLENE IN PRIMARY FORMS
390230	PROPYLENE COPOLYMERS IN PRIMARY FORMS
390319	OTHER POLYSTYRENE IN PRIMARY FORMS
390740	POLYCARBONATES IN PRIMARY FORMS
390791	OTHER UNSATURATED POLYESTERS IN PRIMARY FORMS
481159	OTHER PAPER & PAPERBOARD COATED IMPREGNATED OR COVERED WITH PLASTICS EXCL ADHESIVES NES
700800	MULTIPLE WALLED INSULATING UNITS OF GLASS
721210	FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF IRON OR NON-ALLOY STEEL OF WIDTH LESS THAN 600MM PLATED OR COATED WITH TIN
721391	OTHER BARS & RODS HOT-ROLLED IN IRREGULARLY WOUND COILS OF IRON OR NON-ALLOY STEEL OF CIRCULAR CROSS-SECTION MEASURING LESS THAN 14MM DIAMETER
721410	FORGED BARS & RODS OF IRON OR NON-ALLOY STEEL NOT FURTHER WORKED BUT INCL THOSE TWISTED AFTER ROLLING
722611	FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF WIDTH LESS THAN 600MM GRAIN ORIENTED OF SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL
722692	COLD-ROLLED PRODUCTS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL OF WIDTH LESS THAN 600MM
722790	HOT-ROLLED BARS & RODS IN IRREGULARLY WOUND COILS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL

722830	OTHER HOT-ROLLED DRAWN OR EXTRUDED BARS & RODS OF OTHER ALLOY STEEL
843143	PARTS OF BORING OR SINKING MACHINERY OF SUBHEADING 8430.41 OR 8430.49
847150	PROCESSING UNITS EXCL THOSE OF 847141 OR 847149
847170	STORAGE UNITS NES
850610	PRIMARY CELLS & BATTERIES OF MANGANESE DIOXIDE
901831	SYRINGES
901839	NEEDLES CATHETERS CANNULAE & THE LIKE
901850	OTHER OPHTHALMIC INSTRUMENTS & APPLIANCES
902139	OTHER ARTIFICIAL PARTS OF THE BODY
902140	HEARING AIDS EXCL PARTS & ACCESSORIES
902620	INSTRUMENTS FOR MEASURING OR CHECKING PRESSURE
902781	MASS SPECTROMETERS
902789	OTHER INSTRUMENTS & APPARATUS USING OPTICAL RADIATIONS (UV VISIBLE IR) (EXCL MASS SPECTROMETERS)
850760	LITHIUM ION ACCUMULATORS
841191	PARTS OF TURBO JETS OR TURBO-PROPELLERS
300490	OTHER MEDICAMENTS EXCL THOSE OF 3002 3005 3006 FOR THERAPEUTIC OR PROPHYLACTIC USES IN MEASURED DOSES OR FOR RETAIL
Singapore's List	
020130	BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS FRESH OR CHILLED
020210	CARCASSES & HALF CARCASSES OF BOVINE ANIMALS FROZEN

020220	OTHER CUTS OF BOVINE ANIMALS MEAT WITH BONE IN FROZEN
020230	BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS FROZEN
020422	OTHER CUTS OF MEAT OF SHEEP WITH BONE IN FRESH OR CHILLED
020423	BONELESS MEAT OF SHEEP FRESH OR CHILLED
020430	CARCASSES & HALF CARCASSES OF LAMB FROZEN
020441	CARCASSES & HALF CARCASSES OF SHEEP FROZEN
020442	OTHER CUTS OF MEAT OF SHEEP WITH BONE IN FROZEN
020443	BONELESS MEAT OF SHEEP FROZEN
020712	MEAT OF FOWLS OF GALLUS DOMESTICUS WHOLE FROZEN
030213	PACIFIC SALMON FRESH OR CHILLED EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0302.91 TO 0302.99
030285	SEABREAM FRESH OR CHILLED EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0302.91 TO 0302.99
030289	OTHER FISH FRESH OR CHILLED EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0302.91 TO 0302.99
030354	MACKEREL FROZEN EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99
030355	JACK & HORSE MACKEREL FROZEN EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99
030366	HAKE FROZEN EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99S
030368	BLUE WHITINGS FROZEN EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99S
030369	OTHER FISH OF FAMILIES BREGMACEROTIDAE EUCLICHTHYIDAE GADIDAE MACROURIDAE MELANONIDAE MERLUCCIIDAE MORIDAE

	MURAENOLEPIDIDAE FROZEN EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99S
030389	OTHER FISH EXCL EDIBLE FISH OFFAL OF SUBHEADINGS 0303.91 TO 0303.99 FROZEN
030479	OTHER FISH OF FAMILIES BREGMACEROTIDAE EUCLICHTHYIDAE GADIDAE MACROURIDAE MELANONIDAE MERLUCCIIDAE MORIDAE MURAENOLEPIDIDAE FILLETS FROZEN
030489	OTHER FISH FILLETS FROZEN
030495	FISH OF FAMILIES BREGMACEROTIDAE EUCLICHTHYIDAE GADIDAE MACROURIDAE MELANONIDAE MERLUCCIIDAE MORIDAE MURAENOLEPIDIDAE FROZEN EXCL FILLETS
040110	MILK & CREAM NOT CONC OR SWEETENED 1% & BELOW FAT CONTENT BY WEIGHT
040120	MILK & CREAM NOT CONC OR SWEETENED OVER 1% TO 6% FAT CONTENT BY WEIGHT
040150	MILK & CREAM NOT CONC OR SWEETENED OVER 10% FAT CONTENT BY WEIGHT
040210	MILK & CREAM IN SOLID FORM FAT CONTENT 1.5% & BELOW BY WEIGHT
040221	MILK & CREAM IN SOLID FORM NOT CONTAINING SWEETENING MATTER FAT CONTENT OVER 1.5% BY WEIGHT
040291	MILK & CREAM IN OTHER FORMS CONCENTRATED NOT SWEETENED
040299	MILK & CREAM IN OTHER FORMS SWEETENED
070190	OTHER POTATOES FRESH OR CHILLED
070310	ONION & SHALLOT FRESH OR CHILLED
070993	PUMPKINS SQUASH & GOURDS FRESH OR CHILLED

071021	PEAS FROZEN
071040	SWEET CORN FROZEN
071090	MIXTURES OF VEGETABLES FROZEN
071310	PEAS SHELLLED DRIED
080440	AVOCADOS FRESH OR DRIED
080810	APPLES FRESH
081050	KIWIFRUIT FRESH
110100	WHEAT OR MESLIN FLOUR
110290	OTHER CEREAL FLOURS EXCL THAT OF WHEAT OR MESLIN
151800	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS & OILS & FRACTIONS CHEMICALLY MODIFIED EXCL THOSE OF 1516 & INEDIBLE MIXTURES OR PREPARATIONS OF ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS OR OILS OR FRACTIONS OF DIFFERENT FATS OR OILS OF CHAP 15 NES
160232	PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEAT OF FOWLS OF GALLUS DOMESTICUS
160250	PREPARED OR PRESERVED MEAT OR MEAT OFFAL OR BLOOD OF BOVINE ANIMALS
160420	OTHER FISH PREPARED OR PRESERVED
170199	OTHER SOLID CANE OR BEET SUGAR & CHEMICALLY PURE SUCROSE
190110	PREPARATIONS FOR INFANT FOR RETAIL SALE
190230	OTHER PREPARED PASTA
190410	PREPARED FOODS FROM SWELLING OR ROASTING OF CEREALS
190420	PREPARED FOODS FROM UNROASTED CEREAL FLAKES OR A MIXTURES OF UNROASTED CEREAL FLAKES & ROASTED CEREAL FLAKES OR SWELLED CEREALS

200410	POTATOES PREPARED OR PRESERVED EXCL BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID FROZEN EXCL GOODS UNDER HEADING 2006
200551	BEANS SHELLS PREPARED OR PRESERVED EXCL BY VINEGAR OR ACETIC ACID NOT FROZEN EXCL GOODS OF HEADING 2006
300190	GLANDS & OTHER ORGANS FOR ORGANO-THERAPEUTIC USES & DRIED & HEPARIN & ITS SALTS & OTHER HUMAN OR ANIMAL SUBSTANCES PREPARED FOR THERAPEUTIC OR PROPHYLACTIC USES NES
300242 ¹	VACCINES FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE
300120	EXTRACTS OF GLANDS OR OTHER ORGANS OR OF THEIR SECRETIONS FOR ORGANO-THERAPEUTIC USES
901920	OZONE OXYGEN & AEROSOL THERAPY & ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION OR OTHER THERAPEUTIC RESPIRATION APPARATUS
270119	OTHER NOT AGGLOMERATED COAL
350400	PEPTONES & DERIVATIVES & OTHER PROTEIN SUBSTANCES & DERIVATIVES NES & HIDE POWDER WHETHER OR NOT CHROMED
350290	OTHER ALBUMINS ALBUMINATES & OTHER ALBUMIN DERIVATIVES
350220	MILK ALBUMIN INCL CONCENTRATES OF TWO OR MORE WHEY PROTEINS
350110	CASEIN
350190	CASEINATES & OTHER CASEIN DERIVATIVES & CASEIN GLUES

¹ HS300242 is included for purpose of covering vaccines for companion animals and production poultry as an essential supply.

382313	TALL OIL FATTY ACIDS
380630	ESTER GUMS
900630	SPECIAL CAMERAS FOR UNDERWATER AERIAL SURVEY MEDICAL SURGICAL & COMPARISON CAMERAS FORENSIC & CRIMINOLOGICAL USES
290219	CYCLANES CYCLENES & CYCLOTERPENES EXCL CYCLOHEXANE
290129	OTHER ACYCLIC HYDROCARBONS UNSATURATED
291819	OTHER CARBOXYLIC ACIDS WITH ALCOHOL FUNCTION BUT WITHOUT OTHER OXYGEN FUNCTION THEIR ANHYDRIDES HALIDES PEROXIDES PEROXYACIDS & DERIVATIVES
290612	CYCLOHEXANOL METHYLCYCLOHEXANOLS & DIMETHYLCYCLOHEXANOLS