

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**For the Government of  
New Zealand:**

**For the Government of the  
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 1B/IS  
(listed to HS4 for publication)**

**List of Products to HS 4<sup>1</sup>**

<b>HS4 Code</b>	<b>HS4 Description</b>
<b>New Zealand's List</b>	
2710	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70 % or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils.
2811	Other inorganic acids and other inorganic oxygen compounds of non-metals.
2901	Acyclic hydrocarbons.
2902	Cyclic hydrocarbons.
2915	Saturated acyclic monocarboxylic acids and their anhydrides, halides, peroxides and peroxyacids; their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.
2930	Organo-sulphur compounds.
3002	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera, other blood fractions and immunological products, whether or not modified or obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) and similar products; cell cultures, whether or not modified.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: These lists are published at HS-4 digit (HS heading) level. The agreed lists between New Zealand and Singapore were negotiated at the more detailed HS-6 digit level (HS subheading). This means not all products covered at HS-4 digit level will be included in the lists negotiated between both countries. New Zealand and Singapore agreed to publish at the broader HS-4 digit level to maintain data sensitivity.

3004	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale.
3302	Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry; other preparations based on odoriferous substances, of a kind used for the manufacture of beverages.
3811	Anti-knock preparations, oxidation inhibitors, gum inhibitors, viscosity improvers, anti-corrosive preparations and other prepared additives, for mineral oils (including gasoline) or for other liquids used for the same purposes as mineral oils.
3901	Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms.
3902	Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms.
3903	Polymers of styrene, in primary forms.
3907	Polyacetals, other polyethers and epoxide resins, in primary forms; polycarbonates, alkyd resins, polyallyl esters and other polyesters, in primary forms.
4811	Paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, coated, impregnated, covered, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed, in rolls or rectangular (including square) sheets, of any size, other than goods of the kind described in heading 48.03, 48.09 or 48.10.
7008	Multiple-walled insulating units of glass.
7212	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm, clad, plated or coated.
7213	Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of iron or non-alloy steel.

7214	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, not further worked than forged, hot-rolled, hot-drawn or hot-extruded, but including those twisted after rolling.
7226	Flat-rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm.
7227	Bars and rods, hot-rolled, in irregularly wound coils, of other alloy steel.
7228	Other bars and rods of other alloy steel; angles, shapes and sections, of other alloy steel; hollow drill bars and rods, of alloy or non-alloy steel.
8411	Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines.
8431	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of headings 84.25 to 84.30.
8471	Automatic data processing machines and units thereof; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media in coded form and machines for processing such data, not elsewhere specified or included.
8506	Primary cells and primary batteries.
8507	Electric accumulators, including separators therefor, whether or not rectangular (including square).
9018	Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, including scintigraphic apparatus, other electro-medical apparatus and sight-testing instruments.
9021	Orthopaedic appliances, including crutches, surgical belts and trusses; splints and other fracture appliances; artificial parts of the body; hearing aids and other appliances which are worn or carried, or implanted in the body, to compensate for a defect or disability.
9026	Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases (for

	example, flow meters, level gauges, manometers, heat meters), excluding instruments and apparatus of heading 90.14, 90.15, 90.28 or 90.32.
9027	Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis (for example, polarimeters, refractometers, spectrometers, gas or smoke analysis apparatus); instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking viscosity, porosity, expansion, surface tension or the like; instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking quantities of heat, sound or light (including exposure meters); microtomes.

<b>HS4 Code</b>	<b>HS4 Description</b>
<b>Singapore's List</b>	
0201	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled.
0202	Meat of bovine animals, frozen.
0204	Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen.
0207	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen.
0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.
0303	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.
0304	Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen.
0401	Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
0402	Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
0701	Potatoes, fresh or chilled.
0703	Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.
0709	Other vegetables, fresh or chilled.
0710	Vegetables (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen.
0713	Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split.
0804	Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried.
0808	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh.
0810	Other fruit, fresh.

1101	Wheat or meslin flour.
1102	Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin.
1518	Animal, vegetable or microbial fats and oils and their fractions, boiled, oxidised, dehydrated, sulphurised, blown, polymerised by heat in vacuum or in inert gas or otherwise chemically modified, excluding those of heading 15.16; inedible mixtures or preparations of animal, vegetable or microbial fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of this Chapter, not elsewhere specified or included.
1602	Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal, blood or insects.
1604	Prepared or preserved fish; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs.
1701	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form.
1901	Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included.
1902	Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared.
1904	Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn)) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked, or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included.

2004	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading 20.06.
2005	Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading 20.06.
2701	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal.
2901	Acyclic hydrocarbons.
2902	Cyclic hydrocarbons.
2906	Cyclic alcohols and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.
2918	Carboxylic acids with additional oxygen function and their anhydrides, halides, peroxides and peroxyacids; their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives.
3001	Glands and other organs for organo-therapeutic uses, dried, whether or not powdered; extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions for organo-therapeutic uses; heparin and its salts; other human or animal substances prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not elsewhere specified or included.
3002	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera, other blood fractions and immunological products, whether or not modified or obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) and similar products; cell cultures, whether or not modified.
3501	Casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives; casein glues.
3502	Albumins (including concentrates of two or more whey proteins, containing by weight more than 80 % whey proteins,

	calculated on the dry matter), albuminates and other albumin derivatives.
3504	Peptones and their derivatives; other protein substances and their derivatives, not elsewhere specified or included; hide powder, whether or not chromed.
3806	Rosin and resin acids, and derivatives thereof; rosin spirit and rosin oils; run gums.
3823	Industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids; acid oils from refining; industrial fatty alcohols.
9006	Photographic (other than cinematographic) cameras; photographic flashlight apparatus and flashbulbs other than discharge lamps of heading 85.39.
9019	Mechano-therapy appliances; massage apparatus; psychological aptitude-testing apparatus; ozone therapy, oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy, artificial respiration or other therapeutic respiration apparatus.