

CHAPTER VI MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES

Article 6.1 Regulatory Environment

In view of the important role of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in increasing employment, promoting economic growth, scientific and technological innovation and social stability, the Parties shall provide a favorable, stable and predictable policy and regulatory environment for the development of MSMEs of each Party in the territory of the other Party.

Article 6.2 Exchange of Information

The Parties should aim to share information and good practices with MSMEs. These practices should promote upstream and downstream cooperation in the industry chain, improve the productivity of MSMEs, and increase their access to markets.

Article 6.3 Cooperation

1. The Parties shall encourage:
 - (a) service institutions to provide legal, intellectual property, financial, consulting, inspection, testing and certification services for MSMEs;
 - (b) cooperation of large enterprises with MSMEs within supply chains;
 - (c) MSMEs to participate in large-scale sales and exhibition activities; and
 - (d) financial institutions to enhance support for MSMEs.
2. Cooperation shall be carried out through, *inter alia*, the following activities:
 - (a) information exchange;

(b) conferences, seminars, experts dialogue and training programs; and

(c) project promotion, exhibition platform, industry exchange, etc.

3. Cooperation may include:

(a) establishing mechanisms for supply chain collaboration;

(b) exploring approaches and strategies for cluster development;

(c) increasing the access of export-oriented MSMEs to information related to mandatory procedures and any other relevant information; and

(d) increasing access of MSMEs to information on technology upgrading programs, financial support, incentive programs, and incentives such as tax breaks.