

## Country: Chile

### Background:

**Official name:** National Trade Facilitation Committee

**Year of establishment:** 2019

**Motivation for its establishment:** In order to respect the provisions of the TFA and in the framework of the implementation of the international agreements signed by Chile, the coordination and the supervision at the national level are essential to the respect of the various engagements taken by our country, in particular those related to the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

**Other national bodies dealing with WTO issues and/or with Trade Facilitation:** There are, for example, the Civil Society Council of the Undersecretariat for International Economic Relations, the Public-Private Council for Export Activities and the Public-Private Customs Council.

**Current status of the working group (running, pilot phase, not functioning, etc):** Launch in July 2019 a session, starting activities.

### Institutional Framework:

**Type of organisation (ad hoc group, legal entity/organisation, etc):** Ad hoc group created by Resolution of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Document to institutionalize the group: Decree No. 42.335 published in the Official Gazette of April 22, 2019.

**Coordinating agency:** The Technical Secretariat, hosted by the Undersecretary of International Economic Relations of SUBREI.

**Scope/mandate:** The Committee will be responsible for: a) Proposing measures regarding the fulfillment of the obligations assumed by Chile before the WTO under the Agreement. b) Coordinate work aimed at harmonizing criteria and regulations directly related to the disciplines contained in the Agreement. c) Coordinate and report on trade concerns raised in the WTO, as well as those that may affect Chilean exports, in the area of trade facilitation. d) Facilitate internal coordination and implementation of the provisions of the Agreement. The implementation of trade facilitation measures will always correspond to the State Administration body that is competent, in each case, according to its legal attributions.

**Terms of reference:** Yes, not yet public.

**Working structure of the group:** Committee with Technical Secretariat and Working Groups (with specific topics).

**Permanent technical secretariat:** Yes, the Undersecretariat of International Economic Relations acts as the Secretariat of the Committee.

## **Funding:**

**Budget:** No

## **Objectives / Focus:**

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## **Membership / Composition:**

**Public or quasi-public agencies:** The committee is composed of: - a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, - a representative of the Ministry of Finance, - a representative of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, - a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture - a representative of the National Customs Service and - a representative of the Agriculture and Livestock Service. Without prejudice to the permanent integration foreseen for the Committee, the latter may invite officials of the public administration, as well as representatives of the private sector, whose participation or collaboration is considered useful for its proper functioning, such as the Council. civil society of the General Directorate of International Economic Relations, the Public-Private Council for Export Activities and the Public-Private Customs Council.

**Private associations or entities:** See previous answer.

**Level of seniority of participants:** The representatives are high-level officials with the capacity to make decisions, to represent, coordinate and lead the participation of their distribution in the Committee.

## **Participation:**

**Level of participation:** High.

**Meetings format:** So far the launch has been made and another additional meeting with similar modalities.

**Meetings format:** No frequency or specific mode.

## **Gender:**

**Percentage of female in the committee:** 50%

## Promotion / Communication:

**Communication channels to keep stakeholders informed of TF meetings:** Call by email of the meetings and disseminated on the SUBREI website.

**Undertake information sessions to stakeholders or general public:** The Technical Secretariat has held several meetings with the relevant actors for the Committee, on a bilateral basis to better address the doubts and issues related to them.

## Benefits:

**Impact:** Make visible the importance that the Government gives to the issue of Trade Facilitation.

**Benefits for the country's responsiveness to the WTO negotiation process:** Improves coordination and better compliance with the provisions of the TFA.

## Lessons learned:

**Success factors:** Effective coordination of the actors.

**Greatest obstacles:** It took a long time to agree on the regulatory framework for the implementation of the NTFC among all the relevant actors.

**Lessons learned from your experience:** The key is the commitment of all relevant services along with an active participation of the private sector.

## Future plans:

**Plans for further development:** A study of logistics mapping in air transport would be under evaluation.

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