

**CHAPTER ONE  
INITIAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Section A: Initial Provisions**

ARTICLE 1.1: ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADE AREA

Consistent with Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and Article V of GATS, the Parties hereby establish a free trade area in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 1.2: RELATION TO OTHER AGREEMENTS

1. Each Party affirms its existing rights and obligations with respect to each other under existing bilateral and multilateral agreements to which both Parties are party, including the WTO Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall not be construed to derogate from any legal obligation between the Parties that entitles goods or services, or suppliers of goods or services, to treatment more favorable than that accorded by this Agreement.

**Section B: General Definitions**

ARTICLE 1.3: DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified:

**Agreement on Textiles and Clothing** means the *Agreement on Textiles and Clothing*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**central level of government** means:

- (a) for Oman, the government of Oman; and
- (b) for the United States, the federal level of government;

**covered investment** means, with respect to a Party, an investment, as defined in Article 10.27 (Definitions), in its territory of an investor of the other Party in existence as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement or established, acquired, or expanded thereafter;

**customs duties** includes any customs or import duty and a charge of any kind imposed in connection with the importation of a good, including any form of surtax or surcharge in connection with such importation, but does not include any:

- (a) charge equivalent to an internal tax imposed consistently with Article III:2 of the GATT 1994, in respect of like, directly competitive, or substitutable goods of the Party, or in respect of goods from which the imported good has been manufactured or produced in whole or in part;
- (b) antidumping or countervailing duty that is applied pursuant to a Party's domestic law; and
- (c) fee or other charge in connection with importation commensurate with the cost of services rendered;

**Customs Valuation Agreement** means the *Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**days** means calendar days as reckoned according to the Gregorian calendar;

**enterprise** means any entity constituted or organized under applicable law, whether or not for profit, and whether privately or governmentally owned or controlled, including any corporation, trust, partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture, association, or similar organization;

**enterprise of a Party** means an enterprise constituted or organized under a Party's law;

**existing** means in effect on the date of entry into force of this Agreement;

**GATS** means the *General Agreement on Trade in Services*, contained in Annex 1B to the WTO Agreement;

**GATT 1994** means the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**goods of a Party** means domestic products as these are understood in GATT 1994 or such goods as the Parties may agree, and includes originating goods of that Party;

**government procurement** means the process by which a government obtains the use of or acquires goods or services, or any combination thereof, for governmental purposes and not with a view to commercial sale or resale, or use in the production or supply of goods or services for commercial sale or resale;

**Harmonized System (HS)** means the *Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System*, including its General Rules of Interpretation, Section Notes, and Chapter Notes, as adopted and implemented by the Parties in their respective tariff laws;

**measure** includes any law, regulation, procedure, order, requirement, or practice;

**national** means:

- (a) with respect to Oman, any person who is a citizen within the meaning of its domestic laws governing nationality; and
- (b) with respect to the United States, "national of the United States" as defined in Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

**originating good** means a good qualifying under the rules of origin set out in Chapter Four (Rules of Origin) or Chapter Three (Textiles and Apparel);

**person** means a natural person or an enterprise;

**person of a Party** means a national or an enterprise of a Party;

**preferential tariff treatment** means the duty rate applicable under this Agreement to an originating good;

**regional level of government** means:

- (a) for Oman, "regional level of government" is not applicable; and
- (b) for the United States, a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico;

**Safeguards Agreement** means the *Agreement on Safeguards*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**SPS Agreement** means the *Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**state enterprise** means an enterprise owned, or controlled through ownership interests, by a Party;

**TBT Agreement** means the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade*, contained in Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement;

**territory** means:

- (a) with respect to Oman, all the lands of Oman within its geographical boundaries, the internal waters, maritime areas including the territorial sea, and airspace under its sovereignty, and the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf where Oman exercises sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with its domestic law and international law, including the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*;
- (b) with respect to the United States,
  - (i) the customs territory of the United States, which includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;
  - (ii) the foreign trade zones located in the United States and Puerto Rico; and
  - (iii) any areas beyond the territorial seas of the United States within which, in accordance with international law and its domestic law, the United States may exercise rights with respect to the seabed and subsoil and their natural resources;

**TRIPS Agreement** means the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights*, contained in Annex 1C to the WTO Agreement;<sup>1</sup>

**WTO** means the World Trade Organization; and

**WTO Agreement** means the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*, done on April 15, 1994.

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<sup>1</sup> For greater certainty, **TRIPS Agreement** includes any waiver in force between the Parties of any provision of the TRIPS Agreement granted by WTO Members in accordance with the WTO Agreement.