

ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocol for the Logistics Services Sector

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Lao PDR"), Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Member States of the Association of South East Asian Nations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "ASEAN" or "Member States" or singularly as "Member State");

RECALLING ASEAN Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors signed by the Leaders on 29 November 2004 in Vientiane, Lao PDR (hereinafter referred to as the "Framework Agreement") and the Framework (Amendment) Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors as a first step towards the realisation of the ASEAN Economic Community;

RECALLING Article 10 of the Framework Agreement under which Member States agreed to expedite the development of integrated transport logistics services within ASEAN through measures stated therein;

NOTING that Article 20 of the Framework Agreement provides for the review of the Framework Agreement by the Ministers responsible for ASEAN Economic Integration for the purpose of considering further measures and/or other sectors for priority integration;

RECALLING the decision of the 37th Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 28 September 2005, to study and identify measures to develop the logistics services sector for priority integration;

REITERATING ASEAN's strong commitment towards accelerating the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015 along the lines of ASEAN Vision 2020 and the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II, in the three pillars of the ASEAN Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community; and

HAVING carried out an initial round of negotiations and concluded the roadmap for the full integration of the logistics services sector in ASEAN,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE

1. This Protocol spells out measures as in the Roadmap referred to in paragraph 1(b) of Article 2 to be taken by Member States on a priority basis so as to enable the progressive, expeditious and systematic integration of the logistics services sector.

ARTICLE 2 MEASURES

1. The integration measures to be pursued are grouped into two broad categories, taking into account existing relevant agreements or earlier relevant committed measures, namely:
 - a. Common measures which cut across all priority sectors as specified in the Framework Agreement; and
 - b. Specific measures that are of direct relevance to the logistics services sector.
2. All categories of measures shall be pursued in parallel.
3. The ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) in consultations with other sectoral bodies may conduct additional negotiations, as and when necessary, to consider new integration measures for the sector.

**ARTICLE 3
APPENDICES**

1. The Roadmap for Integration of the Logistics Services Sector shall be annexed hereto as Appendix I and shall form an integral part of this Protocol.
2. Additional measures other than those identified in the Appendix I may be introduced, as and when deemed necessary through an amendment pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 4 of this Protocol.

**ARTICLE 4
FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. Member States shall undertake the appropriate measures to fulfill the agreed obligations arising from this Protocol.
2. The provisions of this Protocol may be modified through amendments mutually agreed upon in writing by all Member States.
3. This Protocol shall enter into force 180 (one hundred and eighty) days after the date of its signature. Notwithstanding the specified date of entry into force, Member States undertake to carry out the obligations which arise prior to the date of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with the timelines indicated in the Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors and the Roadmap for Integration of the Logistics Services Sector attached to this Protocol.
4. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, who shall furnish a certified copy to each Member State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocol for Logistics Services Sector.

DONE at Makati City, the Philippines, this Twenty-fourth Day of August in the year Two Thousand and Seven, in a single original copy in the English language.