

## CHAPTER 1

### INITIAL PROVISIONS

#### **Article 1.1: Establishment of a Free Trade Area**

All Parties to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore, consistent with Article XXIV of GATT 1994 and Article V of GATS, hereby establish a free trade area, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **Article 1.2: Relationship to other International Agreements**

1. Recognising the intention of all Parties to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore for this Agreement to coexist with their existing international agreements, each Party to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore affirms:

- (a) in relation to existing international agreements to which all Parties to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore are party, including the WTO Agreement, their existing rights and obligations with respect to any Party to the Pacific Alliance or Singapore, as the case may be; and
- (b) in relation to existing international agreements to which at least one Party to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore are party, their existing rights and obligations with respect to the Party to the Pacific Alliance or Singapore, as the case may be.

2. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, if a Party considers that a provision of this Agreement is inconsistent<sup>1</sup> with a provision of another agreement to which at least one Party to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore are party, on request, the relevant Parties to the other agreement shall consult with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution. The aforementioned is without prejudice to a Party's rights and obligations under Chapter 23 (Dispute Settlement).<sup>2</sup>

#### **Article 1.3: Scope**

This Agreement shall apply bilaterally between the Republic of Singapore and each Party to the Pacific Alliance. Unless otherwise provided, this Agreement shall not apply between the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the United Mexican States and the Republic of Peru.

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the application of this Agreement, all Parties to the Pacific Alliance and Singapore agree that the fact that an agreement provides more favourable treatment to the goods, services, investments or persons than what is provided under this Agreement does not constitute an inconsistency within the meaning of paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup> For greater certainty, the consultations envisaged in this paragraph do not constitute a stage in the dispute resolution procedure established in Chapter 23 (Dispute Settlement).