

**A list of Minimal Operations and Processes  
under Article 8 of Chapter 3 of the AHKFTA**

Under the AHKFTA, a good shall not be considered to be originating in Hong Kong if the following operations are undertaken exclusively by itself or in combination in Hong Kong:

- (a) preserving operations to ensure that the good remains in good condition during transport and storage;
- (b) changes of packaging, breaking-up and assembly of packages;
- (c) simple (*Note 1*) washing, cleaning, removal of dust, oxide, oil, paint or other coverings;
- (d) simple (*Note 1*) painting and polishing operations;
- (e) husking, partial or total bleaching, polishing and glazing of cereals and rice;
- (f) operations to colour sugar or form sugar lumps;
- (g) simple (*Note 1*) peeling, stoning, or un-shelling;
- (h) sharpening, simple (*Note 1*) grinding or simple (*Note 1*) cutting;
- (i) sifting, screening, sorting, classifying, grading, matching;
- (j) simple (*Note 1*) placing in bottles, cans, flasks, bags, cases, boxes, fixing on cards or boards and all other simple (*Note 1*) packaging operations;
- (k) affixing or printing marks, labels, logos and other like distinguishing signs on products or their packaging;
- (l) simple mixing (*Note 2*) of products, whether or not of different kinds;
- (m) simple (*Note 1*) assembly of parts of articles to constitute a complete article or disassembly of products into parts;
- (n) simple (*Note 1*) testing or calibrations; or
- (o) slaughtering (*Note 3*) of animals.

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Note 1 : “simple” means an activity which does not need special skills, machines, apparatus or equipment especially produced or installed for carrying out the activity.

Note 2 : “simple mixing” means an activity which does not need special skills, machines, apparatus or equipment especially produced or installed for carrying out the activity and does not include chemical reaction. Chemical reaction means a process (including a biochemical process) which result in a molecule with a new structure by breaking intramolecular bonds and by forming new intramolecular bonds, or by altering the spatial arrangement of atoms in a molecule.

Note 3 : “slaughtering” means the mere killing of animals and subsequent processes such as cutting, chilling, freezing, salting, drying or smoking, for the purpose of preservation for storage and transport.