

**IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT 1
TO THE PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULES OF ORIGIN
IN ANNEX I TO CHAPTER 4 (RULES OF ORIGIN)
OF THE HONG KONG, CHINA – NEW ZEALAND
CLOSER ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

Dated 5 May 2022

This Implementing Arrangement will enter into effect on 5 May 2022.

Pursuant to Article 2.2(b) of Chapter 17 (Administrative and Institutional Provisions) of the Hong Kong, China – New Zealand Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (the “Agreement”), Hong Kong, China and New Zealand (the “Parties”) have decided to further the implementation of this Agreement through this Implementing Arrangement and reached the following understanding:

1. The Parties note that the Product Specific Rules of Origin in Annex I to Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) of the Agreement are structured on the basis of the Harmonized System (HS) 2007, and that they should be read with HS 2012.
2. The Parties further note the consequential changes required for the Product Specific Rules of Origin in Annex I to Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) arising from the updates of the HS in 2017 and 2022 as well as its future updates from time to time.
3. Considering that the amendments to Annex I to Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) arising from the update of HS may be formal in nature without affecting the coverage as well as commitments of the Parties under the Agreement, the Parties thereby decide that -
 - (a) such amendments to the Agreement can be effected by an agreement by way of exchange of letters;

- (b) the exchange of letters should include all consequential changes to the Product Specific Rules of Origin arising from the update(s) of HS; and
- (c) such amendments will take effect on a date as mutually determined by the Parties.

Signed in Hong Kong / Wellington on 5 May 2022.

On behalf of
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Hong Kong, China

On behalf of
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
New Zealand