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1. The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be to monitor the implementation of relevant provisions, exchange information, review developments, prepare and co-ordinate positions of the Parties, prepare technical amendments and assist the Joint Committee regarding:

- (a) rules of origin and administrative co-operation as set out in Article 2.2 and Annex IV;
- (b) matters as referred to in Article 2.8 and Annex V;
- (c) matters as referred to in Articles 2.1, 2.3, and 2.4; and
- (d) other matters with respect to trade in goods that are referred to the Sub-Committee by the Joint Committee.

2. The Sub-Committee shall report and may make recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters related to its functions.

3. Each Party has the right to be represented in the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee shall act by consensus.

4. The Sub-Committee shall meet as often as required. It shall be convened by the Joint Committee, by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee or upon request of a Party. Unless otherwise decided, the venue shall alternate between Hong Kong, China and an EFTA State. The Parties may meet through teleconferences.

5. A provisional agenda for each meeting shall be prepared by the chairperson of the Sub-Committee in consultation with the Parties, and forwarded to them, normally no later than two weeks before the meeting. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired on an alternate basis by a representative of an EFTA State or Hong Kong, China for an agreed period of time.

6. A report shall be prepared by the Sub-Committee on the results of each meeting of the Sub-Committee, and the chairperson shall, if requested, report at a meeting of the Joint Committee.
