

MINUTES OF FTA COORDINATION MEETING NO.2/ 2024

Date : 17 May 2024 (Friday)
Time : 9:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Venue : Bilik Kenanga, Level 28, MITI Tower
Chairperson : YBhg. Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob
Secretary General, MITI
Attendance : As per ANNEX A

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

- 1.1. The Chairperson conveyed appreciation to all Members for their attendance in the second FTA Coordination Meeting for 2024. The Chairperson underscored the importance of the Meeting, in providing the latest updates on ongoing negotiations; soliciting policy advice on crucial cross-cutting issues; and identifying matters requiring political guidance or mandate.

Action: For Information

- 1.2. The Chairperson highlighted that ideally, the FTA Coordination Meeting should take place quarterly. However, the Chairperson also mentioned that additional meetings could be convened, if necessary.

Action: For Information

- 1.3. The meeting further noted the following reminders from the Chairperson:

- 1.3.1. All Senior Officers were urged to ensure that the final input forwarded for Minister/ KSU's consideration and endorsement are of high-quality i.e. substance and formatting. Additionally, Senior Officers were reminded to provide timely responses to any urgent issues raised by Minister/ KSU, even during the weekend.

Action: All Senior Officials

2. Confirmation of Minutes No. 1/2024 & Matters Arising

The Meeting endorsed the Minutes No. 1/2024 which was held on 16 January 2024 without any amendments.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. On the FTA negotiators list, BRS informed the Meeting that there have been revisions to the list due to movement of several officers. The Meeting took note of the revisions as follows:

3.1.1. The Chief Negotiator (CN) for ASEAN-Canada FTA will be Ms. Vimala Murugan; and

3.1.2. The CN for Malaysia-Sri Lanka PTA will be Mr. Faizal Mohd. Yusof.

Action: All CNs

3.2. The Chairperson endorsed the list of negotiators for the Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Chapter and the New and Emerging Issues Chapters as follows:

3.2.1. The Lead Negotiator for the Chapter on Digital Economy is Ms Marweena Manan. The assistant is Ms Neila Aldrina Shuhaime;

3.2.2. The Lead Negotiator for the Chapter on Blue Economy is Ms Parimala Ramachandran;

3.2.3. The Lead Negotiator for the Chapter on Inclusivity, Gender and Women is Ms Jayagowri Pindaya. The assistant is Ms Kamilia Mohd Jamin;

3.2.4. The Lead Negotiator for the Chapter on TSD and Green Economy is Ms Shireen Jasmin Ali. The assistant is Ms Shamini Gunaseelan; and

3.2.5. The Lead Negotiator for the Chapter on Supply Chain is Mr Ezral Uzaimi. The assistant is Dr. Sithra Devi Vellasamy.

Action: All Leads for the New and Emerging Issues Chapter

3.3. The Chairperson instructed all CNs and Coordinators to ensure the original copy of the signed Agreements of their respective FTAs be deposited with the PUU Office as the centralised depository in MITI.

Action: All CNs, Coordinators and PUU

4. **Discussion Papers**

4.1. **Updates on the Self-Certification Initiative**

4.1.1. **Mr. Hazrul Imran**, Senior Principal Assistant Director of BRS provided the updates on the implementation of the self-certification initiative and the proposed way forward. The detailed presentation is in **Annex 1**.

4.1.2. Malaysia has taken a commitment on self-certification in the:

- a) Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) by **2027**;
- b) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) by **2032**; and
- c) ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand FTA (AANZFTA) by **no later than 10 years** after the date of EIF of the 2nd Protocol.

4.1.3. The main **pertinent issues highlighted** include:

- a) The need to have a comprehensive database and data collection by utilising the Customs declaration database and with assistance from DOSM;
- b) The role of SKPI MITI as the ROO implementor; and
- c) The need to strengthen MITI and RMCD's capacity on verification.

4.1.4. The meeting discussed the issues and **agreed** on the following **next steps**:

- a) Malaysia may consider implementing self-certification in all bilateral FTAs with countries who are also Parties to the CPTPP. This view aligns with the fact that in the CPTPP, Malaysia would transition towards self-certification in 2027;
- b) SKPI to spearhead the awareness programmes/ hand-holding on self-certification with exporters/ chambers/ trade association, tentatively by Q3/2025;

- c) SKPI to expand the data collection on Bumiputera; SMEs; and women under the issuance of certificate of origin in the Dagang Net system;
- d) BRS and SKPI to organise capacity building and exchange of best practices in implementing self-certification initiatives with FTA partners, including their institutional arrangement in addressing concerns about fraud and counterfeiting. Among the FTA partners identified were Japan, Canada, and Australia;
- e) BRS and SKPI to jointly organise a technical workshop to strengthen the institutional mechanism in preparation for Malaysia to implement the self-certification by November 2027; and,
- f) For new FTAs moving forward, each of those FTA teams may include in their *Memorandum Jemaah Menteri* (MJM) **a Syor to seek additional manpower for the purpose of implementing that new FTA. This is crucial for the effective and efficient implementation of the FTA upon entry into force.** If the Cabinet approves, this proposal for additional manpower will be submitted to JPA to request for additional posts.

Action: BRS, SKPI and All FTA Teams

4.2. Outstanding Notification Obligations of the CPTPP Trade in Goods Chapter – Malaysia’s Preferential Import Data (Joint Presentation by BRS and BPS)

- 4.2.1. **Mr. Nik Mohd Salihin Nik Mustafa**, Principal Assistant Director of BRS provided the status update on outstanding notification obligation related to Trade in Goods under the CPTPP, namely, the submission of Malaysia’s preferential import data. On a related note, **Mr Hidzir Hamzah**, Statistician of Strategic Planning Division (BPS) shared the results of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA (AANZFTA) preferential import dataset (as case example), which encompasses several technical issues. While preferential CO data is obtained from SKPI, **preferential import data needs to be obtained from RMCD.**

- 4.2.2. **Annually, by 30th September, all CPTPP Parties, including Malaysia, are required to submit their respective preference utilisation data.** This mandatory requirement aims to assess whether products are being imported among the Parties using the CPTPP scheme, or, the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment.
- 4.2.3. **Since CPTPP came into effect for Malaysia** on 29 November 2022, **Malaysia has refrained from making any submissions until there was a clear preferential data set that could be obtained from RMCD or DOSM.** This is **due to the technical issues** encountered by BPS when analysing import data related to **one FTA**, namely AANZFTA. **Based on this experience**, BPS **anticipates that similar technical issues may arise** in the preferential import dataset for other FTAs, including the CPTPP.
- 4.2.4. The main **issues** highlighted pertain to **various technical anomalies associated with the raw preferential import data** provided by RMCD. In the case example from the **AANZFTA scheme**, it is observed that:
- a) **There are cases of preferential treatment possibly granted to non-FTA partners** – Recorded imports under AANZFTA include imports from non Party such as Taiwan, Switzerland, Austria, the UK and India;
 - b) **Data for K1 and K9 are divided into two separate files** – RMCD is unable to merge both datasets contained in K1 and K9. As such, the merging would need to be undertaken manually, which may potentially compromise the integrity of the data;
 - c) **Figure for FTA preferential import data is larger than figure for general imports** – Such scenario is impossible; and
 - d) **Contains import data from Malaysia** – The current dataset also encompasses preferential imports originating from Malaysia itself, which should not be the case.
- 4.2.5. The meeting discussed the issues and **agreed** on the following **next steps**:

- a) **Submission of Malaysia's preferential import data should include only cleaned and endorsed data by DOSM.** This decision **applies not only to the CPTPP notification** but **also to notifications related to other FTAs, such as on ACFTA and ATIGA.** KSU expressed concerns that the submission of uncleaned data could lead to scrutiny by FTA partners and raise doubts on the reliability of Malaysia's data. Thus, MITI is to engage and officially **write to DOSM** on the **need to have clean data on preferential imports for CPTPP for the submission for September** as well as **regularise the cleaning of preferential import data** for **all of Malaysia's FTAs.**
- b) To address the issue in item 4.2.4 (a), KSU is of the position that there is a **need for RMCD to ensure a foolproof implementation of the customs declaration system** and MITI may need to engage MOF and RMCD on this issue in the most appropriate manner.

Action: BRS

4.3. Feasibility Study on Africa – Potential FTA Partner for Malaysia?

- 4.3.1. **Ms. Rozieyanahayu Ab Rahman**, Director of BRS presented a paper on **Africa's potential as the next FTA Partner for Malaysia.** The detailed presentation is in **Annex 2.**
- 4.3.2. Malaysia could benefit from potential collaboration in **renewable energy** (Egypt, South Africa, Kenya, Namibia and Ghana) and **new types of energy for electric vehicle** (Rwanda, Egypt, South Africa, Congo and Zambia), agriculture such as **palm oil** (Kenya, Djibouti, Egypt, Tanzania and Madagascar), and **Islamic Economy** (Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Senegal).
- 4.3.3. However, there are **challenges** in negotiating an FTA with Africa due to existing **regional trade agreements** that are mostly based on **custom unions** and apply the principles that tariff changes must be undertaken collectively. As guidance, the paper **provided examples** of FTA attempts by **Singapore** via the **MoU** which resulted in separate trade agreements based on area or industry. The **Indonesia-Mozambique PTA** only focuses on tariff liberalisation and no further expansion or improvement while the **EU-Kenya EPA** has advanced commitments related to SDG or

TSD, and **China-Mauritius FTA** covers trade in goods, services, investment and economic cooperation. The **US AGOA**, a non-reciprocal trade agreement grants about 40 countries duty-free access for approximately 6,400 products to the U.S.

- 4.3.4. Based on the challenges including the complex regulatory environment, infrastructure development and trade facilitation, the paper **proposed for a further study to be conducted by a consultant** on the selected countries namely, **Kenya; Tanzania; Mozambique;** and **Egypt.**
- 4.3.5. The meeting discussed the issues and **agreed** on the following **next steps:**
- a) A **consultant to conduct a comprehensive study of potential African countries**, without limiting it to the specific countries listed in the slides. The Chairperson agreed for BRS to submit the proposal to request for fund allocation from BPS; and
 - b) Subsequently, to **consider the possibility of having a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with targeted countries in Africa**, with specific focus on Trade in Goods, before eventually expanding it into an FTA.

Action: BRS

5. Updates from the Cluster Meetings

5.1. Trade in Goods (TIG) and Rules of Origin (ROO) Cluster

- 5.1.1. The meeting noted the updates by **Mr. Ahmad Fajarazam Abdul Jalil**, Director of BRS and Cluster Lead for TIG and ROO, as follows:
- a) On **HS transposition** exercise, work on **5 FTAs** is still in progress, with **most awaiting feedback** on the **draft transposition** from FTA partners. Additionally, the meeting noted the **RMCD's manpower constraints**, resulting in their capacity to handle **only a few transposition exercises, annually.**
 - b) Upcoming **training session for TIG** is slated for **July**, with a special focus on **Malaysia's sensitive and exclusion lists.**

- c) The meeting also discussed the request for export duty under the MYUAE CEPA, MEEPA and MEUFTA negotiations, which requires Malaysia to **abolish its export duty**. At present, Malaysia has only committed to a **standstill obligation** for **certain tariff lines** under the **CPTPP**, allowing the **imposition** of export duty **exclusively** for products **listed in the Annex**.
- d) Based on **discussions** with the **FTA teams** and **relevant Ministries/Agencies**, the meeting **took note** of **Malaysia's current positions** and **developments** on the issues, outlined as follows:
- Malaysia **will not undertake** any **obligation** to **remove export duties** in future FTAs;
 - **Fallback position** requires **further study** to explore Malaysia's **alternative commitments**, considering the **willingness** of several regulators, including **MAFS**, to **eliminate export duties** on their products. Therefore, moving forward, any request on elimination of export duties commitments should **be examined** at **tariff lines level**, on a **case-by-case basis**; and
 - Several Ministries, such as **MPIC** have notified of the possibility of **raising** the rate of current export duties or cess on products under their purview.
- e) On the **UAE's proposal** on **side letter for export duty**, the meeting **noted** that:
- Malaysia **cannot agree** to a **forward-looking commitment** that requires Malaysia to **extend** the benefit of **export duty elimination** with **other party** to the UAE, in the future.
 - The **potential compromise** for Malaysia is to **only accept** the **consultation mechanism** proposed by the UAE, with the additional condition that the measure **should not be subject** to **dispute settlement mechanisms**.
 - The CN of MEEPA underlined that Malaysia **would not agree** to **elimination commitments** on export duty.

However, subject to the results of the ongoing analysis by the TIG Team, Malaysia might consider the UAE-Indonesia side letter on export duty as a possible landing zone and way forward under MEEPA.

- Subject to the views of the Malaysian line Ministries, it was agreed at the current juncture for Malaysia to maintain its position and will not agree to any obligation to eliminate export duties in future FTAs.

Action: TIG/ ROO Cluster

5.2. Trade in Services Cluster

5.2.1. The meeting noted the updates by Ms Nurul Dalilah Ali, Principal Assistant Director of BRS, as follows:

- a) BRS had created database on market access commitments across all the FTAs and all the negotiators for Services are required to provide updates into the database.
- b) The issue on the definition of Natural Persons, in particular Permanent Resident (PR), was discussed at the recent Services Cluster Meeting on 25 April 2024. It is informed that Malaysia does not recognise PR of other countries except from Armenia, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Switzerland who have made notifications consistent with their WTO GATS.

Action: All Services Negotiators

5.2.2. MITI Officers, especially new services negotiators are encouraged to participate in the Trade Negotiation Skills Course: FTA on Services and Investment organised by INTAN which will be held from 27 to 29 May 2024.

Action: All Services Negotiators

5.3. Investment Cluster

5.3.1. The meeting noted the updates by Ms. Rozieyanahayu Ab Rahman, Director of BRS, as follows:

- a) One (1) Investment Cluster Meeting and one (1) online ISDS training Workshop were held on 23 April 2024 and 6 May 2024 respectively.
- b) The Investment Cluster Meeting deliberated on the proposed inclusion of Articles on “**Key Personnel**” / “**Entry of Personnel**” in Investment Chapter with developed economies taking into account the **adoption** of the Strategic Investor Pass (**SIP**) for investors entering Malaysia on a multiple-entry basis.
- c) The Meeting agreed ONLY to accept key personnel provisions, ‘subject to our national laws, regulations, and **national policies**’ and with clear demarcation between “personnel” from investment and Mode 4 (Movement of Natural Person) / Temporary Entry from trade in services.

Action: All Investment and Services Lead Negotiators

- d) KSU reminded all investment negotiators to be mindful of the linkages between Investment Chapter and Trade in Services Chapter.

5.4. Emerging Issues Cluster

5.4.1. The meeting noted the updates by **Mr. Subramaniam Sandracasen**, Director of BRS, as follows:

- a) The Economic Cooperation Cluster Meeting was held on 4 March 2024 to discuss the current status, work programme for 2024 and to stock-take the implemented programmes and projects under the FTAs.
- b) The meeting was also informed that a discussion with ASEAN Secretariat on ASEAN Cooperation Projects and ASEAN-USAID on Capacity Building was held on 5 April 2024 to explore opportunities for regional-based capacity building programme (CBP), technical assistance and funding mechanism provided by the US, EU and Canada and priority areas involving new and emerging issues in Trade such as resilient supply chains, blue economy, sustainable agriculture as well as gender equality and women empowerment.

- 5.4.2. KSU is of the view that **establishing close relations** between the Emerging Issues Cluster and **other Ministries** such as KESUMA (Labour), NRES (Environment) and KPWK (Women and Gender) is **crucial**. Going forward, the **Cluster should also involve other Ministries in discussions related to emerging issues**, including those covered in the Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Chapter.

Action: Emerging Issues Cluster

6. Updates on Status of FTAs

- 6.1. The meeting noted the updates by the respective CNs on the **status of the FTAs**, under their purview. These include the active/ on-going negotiations under existing FTAs as well as implemented FTAs.

- 6.2. The meeting **agreed and noted** on the next course of actions, as follows:

6.2.1. On-going Negotiations FTAs

- a) Malaysia aspires to **announce and sign** the **Malaysia-UAE FTA (MY-UAE CEPA)** during H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade UAE **upcoming working visit to Malaysia in June 2024**. Several **outstanding issues** were discussed between YBM and H.E. Dr. Thani, UAE Minister for Foreign Trade. Of these issues, KSU commented on the following:

- Malaysia **could only accept side letter on export duties if it is based on consultations** but no commitment to eliminate export duties; and
- **Malaysia to be flexible on 2 products**, namely, 3901 and 3902, **in exchange for UAE's flexibility on services with Malaysia**.

Action: MY-UAE CEPA Negotiation Team

- b) ASEAN-China FTA (ACFTA) to continue the **upgrade negotiations** with **RCEP as the base-line**. Outstanding issues include **legal format to upgrade ACFTA** as well as the **modality and approach for negotiations in relation to TIG Chapter**;

Action: ACFTA Negotiation Team

- c) The next meeting for AANZFTA will deliberate on **New Zealand's request** for **rectification** of its **schedule of Reservations** and **NCM for Investment and Services**;

Action: AANZFTA Negotiation Team

- d) ASEAN-India Trade in Goods (AITIGA) to **continue deliberations** on **legal format for the review, Tariff Reduction Schedule (TRS)** and **transposition of tariff commitments into the latest tariff nomenclature (HS 2022)**;

Action: AITIGA Negotiation Team

- e) ASEAN-Canada FTA (ACaFTA) to **conclude negotiations** by **2025**. The meeting **noted** the intricacies involved in pushing forward outstanding issues involving **Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter** as well as new elements that are uncommon, sensitive and intricate to ASEAN;

Action: ACaFTA Negotiation Team

- f) Malaysia-Iran PTA (MIPTA) team to send out formal letter requesting **name list of new MIPTA Iran negotiators, Iran's offer list** as well as the **next tentative dates** for the MIPTA meeting to be hosted by Iran;

Action: MIPTA Negotiation Team

- g) The 15th round of Malaysia-EFTA EPA (MEEPA) negotiations will be held on 28th-31st May 2024 in Kuala Lumpur. Among the outstanding issues expected to be escalated to YBM will be the article on **Panel of Experts** under TSD Chapter well as the article in relation to **Aquaculture**;

Action: MEEPA Negotiation Team

- h) As for ASEAN-Hong Kong Investment Agreement (AHKFTA), the **work program** on **NCMs** is currently on going with the aspiration for the protocol to amend AHKIA to be finalised before the AEM-HK Consultation in September 2024; and

Action: AHKFTA Negotiation Team

- i) The meeting noted the stocktaking meeting of Malaysia-Korea FTA (MKFTA) was held on 8-9 May 2024 to review the status of negotiations in 2019 and **finalise the scope and TOR of the expanded MKFTA**. Malaysia to host the 4th round of MKFTA negotiations on 20-23 August 2024.

Action: MKFTA Negotiation Team

6.2.2. **Implemented FTAs**

- a) CPTPP to focus work on the **general review** and **accession** of new aspirant economies. BRS will call for a meeting to **brief** all Ministries on the **outcome** of **CPTPP SOM 2 meeting** that was held on 22-24 April 2024. On administration of real time “live” data for **Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)** under CPTPP, MITI to **write-in** to the **Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MAFS)** on the need to provide the necessary IT infrastructure to cater for this obligation under CPTPP.

Action: BRS

- b) In relation to the Chapter on **Digital Economy**, the meeting **agreed** that moving forward all FTA negotiations in relation to digital economy and e-commerce will be led by **Digital Economy Division, MITI**.

Action: BDE

- c) On RCEP, the meeting noted that 3 Malaysians have applied for the post of **Executive Director of RCEP Support Unit (RSU)** and the RSU is expected to be **established in June 2024**. The Cabinet approval had been obtained for Malaysia's contribution to the RCEP Trust Fund amounting to **US\$69,936.00 (RM331,747.22)** for **two (2) years**. **Hong Kong, RPC** is one of the **aspirant economies** keen to join RCEP.

Action: RCEP Negotiation Team

- d) Malaysia-Turkey FTA (MTFTA) team to continue the follow up on **the review of specific lines and the transposition exercise** taking into account feedback from industrial stakeholders.

Action: MTFTA Negotiation Team

- e) Malaysia-New Zealand FTA (MNZFTA) team to sustain engagement with New Zealand.

Action: MNZFTA Negotiation Team

- f) Malaysia-Pakistan CEPA (MPCEPA) team is currently conducting an economic assessment paper on MPCEPA and KSU instructed for the team to **analyse the utilisation rate** of MPCEPA in the said assessment.

Action: MPCEPA Negotiation Team

- g) Malaysia-Australia FTA (MAFTA) team is in discussion on the potential upgrade of MAFTA. Both Parties agreed to **re-examine the current TOR and timeline for the review** to be conducted. MAFTA team is engaging UM to explore on undertaking the Stage One report to identify new areas to upgrade the MAFTA.

Action: MAFTA Negotiation Team

- h) Malaysia-Japan EPA (MJEPA) team to continue with the **transposition exercise**;

Action: MJEPA Negotiation Team

- i) Malaysia-Chile FTA (MCFTA) team to continue work on the **TRS HS2022** and Malaysia is currently waiting for **Chile's feedback** on **Malaysia TRS HS2022**;

Action: MCFTA Negotiation Team

- j) Malaysia-India CECA (MICECA) team to **convene a Joint Committee meeting** as soon as possible as it will serve as an important platform to discuss bilateral issues with India;

Action: MICECA Negotiation Team

- k) ASEAN-Japan CEP (AJCEP) team to continue with the **transposition exercise**;

Action: AJCEP Negotiation Team

- l) ASEAN-Korea FTA (AKFTA) team to continue with the **transposition exercise** as well as the **study on AKFTA upgrade negotiations**;

Action: AKFTA Negotiation Team

- m) The meeting noted YBM will be invited to the **signing ceremony** of the **Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM)** during an informal gathering of D-8 Trade Ministers at the sidelines of TPS-OIC TNC Meeting on 11 June 2024 in Istanbul, Turkey. The D-8 PTA team will submit a Memo to YBMO seeking appropriate representation from Malaysia as YBM's tentative schedule during 11 June 2024 have been blocked for an AKI event.

Action: D-8 PTA Negotiation Team

- n) Malaysia has implemented TPS-OIC on 1 October 2023 and exporters/traders have shown interest on the agreement via the utilisation of the ePCO module for TPS-OIC.

Action: TPS-OIC Negotiation Team

6.2.3. **New Mandate FTAs**

- a) The Malaysia-Bangladesh PTA (MBPTA) team has **yet to receive a request** from Bangladesh.

Action: MBPTA Negotiation Team

- b) As for Malaysia-Sri Lanka FTA (MSLFTA), the meeting **agreed** with the appointment of **Encik Faizal Mohd Yusof**, Senior Director of BPI, as the **new CN** for MSLFTA;

Action: MSLFTA Negotiation Team

- c) The meeting noted that the MEUFTA team had finalised the scoping exercise and the team is in the process of preparing **MJM to seek mandate** from the Cabinet; and

Action: MEUFTA Negotiation Team

- d) As for the request by the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) for **Malaysia-GCC FTA**, the meeting agreed for **BRS to follow through** in accordance with the SOP to conduct FTA negotiations.

Action: BRS

7. Other Matters

- 7.1. On the **MITI Portal**, Chairperson reminded **all FTA teams** to **streamline** the information on MITI's website for **consistency** and **improved navigation**. Additionally, Chairperson also **reminded each FTA team** to **consult** BRS before **publishing** the **updated content**.

Action: All CNs/ Coordinators

- 7.2. Chairperson instructed **all FTA teams, including ASEAN FTAs** to copy BRS the reports of their meetings.

Action: All CNs, Coordinators and Negotiators

8. Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE LIST

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