

SIDE LETTER ON APPLICABLE RULE OF ORIGIN FOR INDICATED QUOTAS OF SPECIFIED IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS

26th January 2022

The Honorable Gan Kim Yong
Minister for Trade and Industry
Singapore

Dear Minister Gan

In connection with the signing of the Pacific Alliance - Singapore Free Trade Agreement (“Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Governments of the Republic of Colombia (“Colombia”) and the Republic of Singapore (“Singapore”) during the negotiation of Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the Agreement:

Singapore shall apply to the iron and steel products specified in Table 1 below, which are originating in Colombia and exported to Singapore, and are within the quotas indicated thereto in Table 1, the rule of origin of Change in Tariff Heading (“CTH”)¹, rather than the rules of origin listed in Annex 4-A (Product Specific Rules of Origin) under Chapter 4 of this Agreement.

Table 1

HS Heading	Description of good	Annual Quota (Tons)
7209	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, cold-rolled (cold-reduced), not clad, plated or coated.	18.000
7210	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, clad, plated or coated.	18.000
7211	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm, not clad, plated or coated.	18.000

¹ For the purposes of this side letter, the meaning of “CTH” is as set out in paragraph 2(b) of Section A (General Interpretative Notes) of Annex 4-A (Product Specific Rules of Origin).

7212	<i>Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm, clad, plated or coated.</i>	<i>18.000</i>
7217	<i>Wire of iron or non-alloy steel.</i>	<i>18.000</i>
7222	<i>Other bars and rods of stainless steel; angles, shapes and sections of stainless steel.</i>	<i>18.000</i>
7228.80	<i>Hollow drill bars and rods</i>	<i>18.000</i>

When the quantity of a good listed in Table 1 originating in Colombia and exported to Singapore reaches the quota indicated in Table 1, any additional quota of the said good shall satisfy the applicable product-specific rules of origin set out in Annex 4-A (Product Specific Rules of Origin) under Chapter 4 of this Agreement. The quotas indicated in Table 1 will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on the order of application for quota.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Governments of Colombia and Singapore which constitutes an integral part of the Agreement and shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Colombia.

Sincerely,

María Ximena Lombana Villalba
Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

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26th January 2022

The Honorable María Ximena Lombana Villalba
Ministra de Comercio, Industria y Turismo
Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo
Bogotá, Colombia

Dear Minister Lombana

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of [this date], which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing of the Pacific Alliance - Singapore Free Trade Agreement (“Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Governments of the Republic of Colombia (“Colombia”) and the Republic of Singapore (“Singapore”) during the negotiation of Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the Agreement:

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I have the honour to confirm that your letter reflects the agreement reached between the Governments of Singapore and Colombia during the course of the negotiations of the Agreement, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Governments of Singapore and Colombia which constitutes an integral part of the Agreement and shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Colombia.

Sincerely,

GAN KIM YONG
Minister for Trade and Industry
Republic of Singapore