

AGREEMET ON TRADE IN GOODS UNDER THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOI:THEAST ASIA:\ NATIONS AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea,

RECALLING the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea signed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the thirteenth day of December 2005;

FURTHER RECALLING Articles 1.3 and 2.1 of the Framework Agreement, which reflect their commitment to establish the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area covering trade in goods;

REAFFIRI\tiNG their commitment to eliminate duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce on substantially all trade in goods among the ASEAN Member Countries and the Republic of Korea within the specified time frames, while allowing flexibility to them to address their sensiti\-e areas as provided in the Framework Agreement; and

RECOGNISil"G the different stages of economic development among the ASEAN Member Countries and the need for flexibility to be given to the new ASEAN Member Countries, in particular the need to facilitate their increasing participation in the economic cooperation of the Parties and the expansion of their exports, including, *inter alia*, through strengthening of their domestic capacity, efficiency and competitiveness, HAVE

AGREED as follows:

¹ For the purpose of this Agreement the Kingdom of Thailand is included in the reference of this term only after the relevant signature on her behalf has been appended.
