

**PROTOCOL TO UPGRADE THE
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The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (the "Parties"),

REAFFIRMING the Joint Statement between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Singapore on the Establishment of an "All-Round Cooperative Partnership Progressing with the Times";

RECALLING the *Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore* (hereinafter referred to as the "China-Singapore FTA" or the "Agreement"), done at Beijing on 23 October 2008;

RECALLING the *Protocol to Amend the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Singapore* ("2011 Protocol") done at Singapore on 27 July 2011;

RECALLING that Article 111 of the Agreement provides for the FTA Joint Committee established by the Parties to, *inter alia*, review the Agreement, consider further concessions, and consider any amendments to the Agreement and its modifications;

NOTING that Article 114 of the Agreement provides that the Agreement may be amended by agreement in writing by the Parties;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to a rules-based, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and inclusive multilateral trading system, and recognising the positive role that bilateral and regional trade agreements can play in supporting the multilateral system;

DESIRING to further economic integration and trade liberalisation between the Parties; and

SEEKING to incorporate into the China-Singapore FTA, through this instrument, the agreements reached between the Parties relating to the expansion or amendment of the Agreement,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Amendment of Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) of the Agreement

Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin), as set out in **Appendix 1** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 2

Amendment of Chapter 5 (Customs Procedures) of the Agreement

Chapter 5 (Customs Procedures) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new Chapter 5 (Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation), as set out in **Appendix 2** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

Amendment of Chapter 6 (Trade Remedies) of the Agreement

Chapter 6 (Trade Remedies) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new Chapter 6 (Trade Remedies), as set out in **Appendix 3** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 4

Amendment of Chapter 10 (Investment) of the Agreement

Chapter 10 (Investment) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new Chapter 10 (Investment), as set out in **Appendix 4** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 5

Amendment of Chapter 11 (Economic Co-operation) of the Agreement

Chapter 11 (Economic Co-operation) of the Agreement shall be replaced by new Chapter 11 (Economic Cooperation), as set out in **Appendix 5** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 6

Additional Chapter 15 (Electronic Commerce)

The Agreement shall be amended by inserting new Chapter 15 (Electronic Commerce), as set out in **Appendix 6** to this Protocol, after Chapter 14 (General and Final Provisions) of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

Additional Chapter 16 (Competition)

The Agreement shall be amended by inserting new Chapter 16 (Competition), as set out in **Appendix 7** to this Protocol, after Chapter 15 (Electronic Commerce) of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 8

Additional Chapter 17 (Environment and Trade)

The Agreement shall be amended by inserting new Chapter 17 (Environment and Trade), as set out in **Appendix 8** to this Protocol, after Chapter 16 (Competition) of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

Amendment of Annex 2 (Product Specific Rules) to the Agreement

Annex 2 (Product Specific Rules) to the Agreement shall be replaced by new Annex 2 (Product Specific Rules), as set out in **Appendix 9** to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 10
Amendment of Annex 5 (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Services) to the Agreement

Annex 5 (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Services) to the Agreement, as amended by the 2011 Protocol, shall be amended in the manner set out in Appendix 10 to this Protocol.

ARTICLE 11
General Provisions

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Parties have exchanged written notifications confirming the completion of their respective domestic procedures for the entry into force of this Protocol, or on such other date as the Parties may agree in writing.

2. This Protocol and its Appendices shall form an integral part of the China-Singapore FTA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Singapore, this 12th day of November 2018, in duplicate in both the English and Chinese languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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