

## **Summary of U.S.-Chile FTA Administration Chapter**

This Chapter establishes the Free Trade Commission, the institution responsible for overseeing the implementation of the agreement. The Free Trade Commission comprises ministers or cabinet-level officials designated by each country.

Article 1 establishes the Free Trade Commission. The Article provides that the Commission will supervise the implementation of the agreement, including the work of committees and working groups established under it, oversee the elaboration of the agreement and assist in the resolution of disputes that may arise between the parties regarding its interpretation or application. Article 1 also provides that the Commission may establish and delegate responsibilities to committees and working groups and may approve the acceleration of tariff elimination and the modification of the rules of origin. The Commission, which will meet at least once a year, is empowered to develop its own rules and procedures and will make decisions by consensus.

Article 2 requires each party to designate an office to provide administrative assistance to dispute settlement panels and to perform such other functions as the Commission may direct.