

## **CHAPTER 8**

### **INVESTMENT FACILITATION**

#### **ARTICLE 8.1**

##### **UAE – New Zealand Investment Agreement**

The Parties acknowledge that, in addition to the provisions set out in this Chapter, they have concluded, concurrently with this Agreement, the Agreement between the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the Government of New Zealand for the Promotion and Protection of Investments (“UAE – New Zealand Investment Agreement”).

#### **ARTICLE 8.2**

##### **Promotion of Investment**

The Parties affirm their desire to promote an attractive investment climate and expand trade in goods and services. In this regard, the Parties shall endeavour to take appropriate measures to promote an attractive investment climate, including by:

- (a) encouraging investments between the Parties, especially those that will support decarbonisation efforts and the development of clean technologies;
- (b) encouraging investment in partnership with Māori;
- (c) promoting cooperation with relevant government agencies to expand opportunities for business and industry; and
- (d) conducting information exchanges on other issues of mutual interest relating to investment opportunities between the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 8.3**

##### **Facilitation of Investment**

1. Subject to its laws and regulations, each Party shall endeavour to secure favourable conditions necessary to facilitate long-term investment relationships between the Parties, including by:

- (a) ensuring that all relevant measures of general application with respect to matters within the scope of this chapter are administered in a reasonable and impartial manner;

- (b) ensuring that all relevant measures of general application with respect to matters within the scope of this chapter are promptly published, or otherwise made publicly available; and
  - (c) otherwise promoting the dissemination of investment information, including investment policies, procedures and informational materials.
2. To the extent possible, subject to its laws and regulations, a Party's activities under paragraph 1 may include providing voluntary assistance, in resolving difficulties experienced by investors of the other Party impacting their covered investments.
3. The Parties shall endeavour to facilitate meetings between their respective competent authorities aimed at exchanging knowledge and approaches to better facilitate investment in priority sectors and support the development of clean technologies. This includes the exchange of knowledge and approaches to engaging and partnering with Māori.

#### **ARTICLE 8.4**

##### **Investment and the Environment**

1. The Parties recall the provisions of Chapter 14 (Trade and Sustainable Development) that are applicable to promoting mutually supportive investment and environmental outcomes. The Parties shall endeavour to enhance their respective capacities to address investment-related environmental issues, including through cooperation.
2. The Parties further recall that such provisions include those applicable to:
- (a) maintaining and enforcing domestic environmental law and policies;
  - (b) recognising that it is inappropriate to weaken or reduce the protection of environmental law to encourage investment;
  - (c) affirming commitments under multilateral environmental agreements to which they are party;
  - (d) supporting the transition to low carbon and climate resilient economies; and
  - (e) encouraging investment in environmental goods and services as a means of improving environmental and economic performance, supporting inclusive economic growth, contributing to clean growth, and addressing global environmental challenges.

**ARTICLE 8.5**  
**Dispute Settlement**

Neither Party shall have recourse to dispute settlement under Chapter 20 (Dispute Settlement) for any matter arising under this Chapter.