

**Joint Decision 2016-1
of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (the “Parties”)
Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the
New West Partnership Trade Agreement**

Introduction

1. Article 21(3) of the *New West Partnership Trade Agreement* (“**NWPTA**”) allows the Parties to issue a joint decision at any time relating to the interpretation of the NWPTA. Any such joint decision is binding on panels and any subsequent decision or award by a panel issued under NWPTA Part IV must be consistent with any such preceding joint decision.

2. Relying on this provision, the Parties adopted a number of joint decisions relating to certain dispute settlement matters, which came into effect on July 1, 2011 (the “**2011 Joint Decisions**”). A copy of the 2011 Joint Decisions is attached as Schedule 1.

3. NWPTA has been amended by the Parties, rendering the 2011 Joint Decisions redundant.

Revocation of the 2011 Joint Decisions

3. In light of paragraph 3 the Parties hereby revoke the 2011 Joint Decisions and the Parties agree that they no longer have any force or effect.

4. Nothing in this Joint Decision is intended to affect any other prior Joint Decision of the Parties.

APPROVAL OF JOINT DECISION

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Decision.

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade
Government of Alberta**

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

**The Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of the Economy
Government of Saskatchewan**