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##### **Article 1**

###### *Scope*

This Annex applies to measures affecting natural persons who are service suppliers of a Party, and natural persons of a Party who are employed by a services supplier of a Party, in respect of the supply of a service.

##### **Article 2**

###### *Provision of Information*

1. In the application of Article 69 of Chapter 7, each Party shall make publicly available, or shall ensure that its competent authorities make publicly available, information necessary for an effective application for the grant of entry, temporary stay and work in its territory. Such information shall be kept updated.

2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall include a description of, in particular:

- (a) all categories of visas and work permits relevant to the entry, temporary stay and work of natural persons covered by this Annex;
- (b) requirements and procedures for application for, and issuance of, first-time entry, temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits, including information on documentation required, conditions to be met and method of filing; and
- (c) requirements and procedures for application for, and issuance of, renewed temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits.

3. Each Party shall provide the other Party with details of relevant publications or websites where information referred to in paragraph 2 is made available.

4. Should the implementation of paragraph 1 prove not to be practicable for either Party, that Party shall provide the information referred to in paragraph 2, as well as any subsequent change thereto, to the other Party. In addition, that Party shall indicate to the other Party the contact details of an authority where service suppliers of the other Party can, upon request, obtain the information referred to under paragraph 2.

### **Article 3**

#### ***Expeditious Application Procedures***

1. The competent authorities of each Party shall endeavour to process expeditiously applications for granting entry, temporary stay or work permits submitted by service suppliers of the other Party, including applications for extensions thereof, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations.
2. If the competent authorities of a Party require additional information from an applicant in order to process his application, they shall notify him without undue delay.
3. Upon request by an applicant, the competent authorities of a Party shall endeavour to provide, without undue delay, information concerning the status of his application.
4. The competent authorities of each Party shall notify the applicant for entry, temporary stay or work permit of the outcome of its application without undue delay after a decision has been taken. The notification shall include the period of stay and any other terms and conditions.

### **Article 4**

#### ***Contact points***

1. Contact points for matters referred to in Article 2 and 3 are:
  - (a) For China: Ministry of Commerce; and
  - (b) For Iceland: the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and External Trade;

### **Article 5**

#### ***Working Group***

1. A Working Group is hereby established under the FTA Joint Commission established under Chapter 10 of this Agreement.
2. The functions of the Working Group shall be to exchange information, review developments, prepare and co-ordinate positions, and prepare technical amendments in the areas covered by this Annex.
3. The Working Group will explore the possibility of streamlining procedures, including for certified Chinese natural persons to work in Iceland in fields with Chinese characteristics, such as Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners, Chinese chefs, mandarin teaching aides, Chinese Wushu martial arts coaches, and Chinese tour guides

in cooperation with relevant agencies and pursuant to the law of Iceland and its international obligations.

4. The Working Group shall be convened in the connection with the meetings of the FTA Joint Commission upon request of either Party. The working group shall report to the FTA Joint Commission.