

**Joint Decision of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan (“Parties”)  
Pursuant to Article 34(4) of the  
New West Partnership Trade Agreement**

***Introduction***

1. Article 34(4) 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. The Parties intend the following to be a joint decision under Article 34(4) clarifying the ability of Parties to create, maintain or designate a government entity, as defined in the NWPTA.

***Ability of Parties to Create, Maintain or Designate a Government Entity***

2. Nothing in the NWPTA limits the Parties' ability to create, maintain or designate a government entity, as defined in the NWPTA.

3. Nothing in this joint decision is intended to alter the obligations of government entities once created, maintained or designated.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Iain Black  
Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development  
Government of British Columbia**

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Iris Evans  
Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations  
Government of Alberta**

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**The Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff  
Minister Responsible for Trade  
Government of Saskatchewan**