

Regarding the Cross-Strait Agreement Supervisory Act

1. Background

(1) The Executive Yuan formulated the draft Statute Governing the Concluding of Cross-Strait Agreements between the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area in 1997 and 1999. The bill was submitted twice to the Legislative Yuan for consideration but was not reviewed. In 2003, the Act Governing Relations between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area was amended to add seven provisions specifying that the related processing and monitoring mechanisms for cross-Strait agreements would be included in the main spirit of the aforementioned bill.

(2) In view of the high level of public attention to legislating the supervision of cross-Strait agreements, the Executive Yuan proposed the draft Statute for the Processing and Monitoring of Agreements between the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area and submitted it to the Legislative Yuan for review. However, the bill was still pending review when the government was reshuffled. On June 23, 2016, the Executive Yuan made a written request to the Legislative Yuan for agreement to withdraw the Executive Yuan draft version. On July 1, 2016, The Legislative Yuan consented to withdraw the bill.

2. Basic Position of the Current Government

(1) After review and assessment, and considering that the Democratic Progressive Party caucus version can appropriately represent the new government's policy views and has been substantially integrated, the government has withdrawn the Executive Yuan draft version. The specific content of the draft can be fully discussed during the Legislative Yuan review to form a consensus.

(2) Following up, the government will actively cooperate with the Legislative Yuan to promptly promote the completion of legislation for the cross-Strait agreement supervisory act and implement the principles of "openness and transparency, public participation, and congressional oversight." The government hopes for the early completion of a supervisory act that best meets the needs of society, can be effectively implemented, and responds to the expectations of all sides.

3. Position on the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement and Trade in Goods Agreement

The government will promptly promote completion of the legislation for the cross-Strait agreement supervisory act. It will then deliberate follow-up negotiations on the Cross-Strait Trade in Services Agreement and Cross-Strait Trade in Goods Agreement according to the provisions of the act.