

**Decision by the Commission  
of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership  
regarding Administration for Implementation of the CPTPP**

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*The Commission decides as follows:*

**1. Chair and management of the Commission**

In addition to the provisions set out in the Chapter 27 of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), following rules will be applied.

1.1 CPTPP Parties will name a rotating chair by order of Parties notifying the Depositary in writing of the completion of their applicable legal procedures, with each Party serving as Chair for a period of one year, starting from the year 2020.

1.2 Chair, assisted by the immediate past and immediate future Chairs, who will serve as Vice-Chairs, will chair the Commission meetings.

**2. Special arrangements for the year 2019 as transitional period**

For the year 2019, considered as transitional period for securing the smooth implementation for the CPTPP, following special arrangements will be taken.

2.1 In this transitional period, Japan will assume the role of Chair in close coordination with New Zealand (the Depositary) and Mexico (immediate future Chair), as well as with all other CPTPP members.

2.2 To advance the implementation in the first year after entry into force, New Zealand will host a meeting of the Commission in the second half of 2019, together with meetings of key Committees.

2.3 Recalling that the Commission is “composed of government representatives of each Party” (Article 27.1) and “Party means any State or separate customs territory for which this Agreement is in force” (Article 1.3), and reaffirming the importance of maintaining the solidarity among CPTPP Signatories, in this transitional period, CPTPP Signatories for which the CPTPP has yet to enter into force may attend the Commission meetings, Senior Officials meetings, all other Committees and other subsidiary bodies meetings and Accession Working Groups.

For reference, rotation of Chair until the year 2026 is indicated in the Annex.

Chair Rotation

YEAR	Chair	Vice Chair (immediate past Chair)	Vice Chair (immediate future Chair)
2019	Japan	New Zealand	Mexico
2020	Mexico	New Zealand	Japan
2021	Japan	Mexico	Singapore
2022	Singapore	Japan	New Zealand
2023	New Zealand	Singapore	Canada
2024	Canada	New Zealand	Australia
2025	Australia	Canada	Viet Nam
2026	Viet Nam	Australia	