

CHAPTER 9
TRANSPARENCY

ARTICLE 9.1

Publication and Disclosure of Information

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, administrative rulings of general application and their respective international agreements, which may affect the operation of this Agreement, are published or otherwise made publicly available in such a manner as to enable persons and other interested parties to become acquainted with them.
2. To the extent possible, the Parties shall publish or otherwise make available judicial decisions that may affect the operation of this Agreement.
3. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and provide, upon request, information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1 and 2.
4. Nothing in this Agreement shall require any Party to disclose confidential information, which would impede law enforcement, or otherwise be contrary to the public interest or would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of any economic operator.
5. Where a Party providing information to another Party in accordance with this Agreement designates the information as confidential, the other Party shall maintain the confidentiality of the information.
6. In case of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and provisions relating to transparency in other Chapters, the latter shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

ARTICLE 9.2

Notifications

1. Unless otherwise provided for, a notification to a Party shall be deemed received when it has been delivered to and receipt has been confirmed by the responsible authority of that Party.

2. Each Party shall designate an authority responsible for receiving notifications and shall communicate such designation to the other Parties within 90 days following the entry into force of this Agreement.