

ARTICLE 67

Further negotiations

In the case that the EFTA States or Mexico offer, after the entry into force of this Agreement, a GPA or NAFTA Party, respectively, additional advantages with regard to the access to their respective procurement markets beyond what has been agreed under this Chapter, they shall agree to enter into negotiations with the other Party with a view to extending these advantages to the other Party on a reciprocal basis.

ARTICLE 68

Other provisions

1. The Joint Committee may adopt appropriate measures to enhance the conditions for effective access to a Party's covered procurement or, as the case may be, adjust a Party's coverage so that such conditions for effective access are maintained on an equitable basis.
2. The EFTA States shall provide to Mexico, at the entry into force of this Agreement, an indicative list of 40 public authorities or public undertakings covered by Annex XII.B.2. The entities contained in this list shall be representative of the coverage offered under that Section in terms of geographical location and sectorial distribution.

VI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ARTICLE 69

Protection of intellectual property

1. The Parties shall grant and ensure adequate, effective and non-discriminatory protection of intellectual property rights, and provide for measures for the enforcement of such rights against infringement, counterfeiting and piracy, in accordance with the provisions of this Article and Annex XXI.
2. The Parties shall accord to each others' nationals treatment not less favourable than that they accord to their own nationals. Exemptions from this obligation shall be in accordance with the substantive provisions of Article 3 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter referred to as the TRIPS Agreement).

3. The Parties shall grant to each others' nationals treatment not less favourable than that accorded to nationals of any other State. Exemptions from this obligation shall be in accordance with the substantive provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, in particular Articles 4 and 5 thereof.

4. Upon request of any Party, the Joint Committee shall hold consultations on issues concerning the protection of intellectual property rights, with a view to reaching mutually satisfactory solutions to difficulties that may arise in this context. For the purposes of this paragraph, "protection" shall include matters affecting the availability, acquisition, scope, maintenance and enforcement of intellectual property rights as well as those matters affecting the use of intellectual property rights.

VII INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 70

The Joint Committee

1. The Parties hereby establish the EFTA-Mexico Joint Committee comprising of representatives of each Party.

2. The Joint Committee shall:

- (a) supervise the implementation of this Agreement;
- (b) keep under review the possibility of further removal of barriers to trade and other restrictive regulations of commerce between the EFTA States and Mexico;
- (c) oversee the further elaboration of this Agreement;
- (d) supervise the work of all sub-committees and working groups established under this Agreement;
- (e) endeavour to resolve disputes that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement, and
- (f) consider any other matter that may affect the operation of this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee may decide to set up such sub-committees and working groups as it considers necessary to assist it in accomplishing its tasks. Except where specifically provided for in this Agreement, the sub-committees and working groups shall work under a mandate established by the Joint Committee.