

CHAPTER 9

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

ARTICLE 9.1

Transparency

1. The Parties shall enhance the mutual understanding of each other's government procurement laws and regulations with a view to progressively liberalise their respective procurement markets on the basis of non-discrimination and reciprocity.
2. The Parties shall publish, or otherwise make publicly available, their laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and administrative rulings of general application as well as their respective international agreements to which they are a party that may affect their procurement markets. The Parties shall promptly respond in English to specific questions and provide, upon request, information to each other on such matters.

ARTICLE 9.2

Further Negotiations

If a Party grants to a non-party additional benefits with regard to the access to its procurement markets after the entry into force of this Agreement, it shall without delay notify the other Parties. The Party granting additional benefits shall, upon request by another Party, enter into negotiations to extend similar benefits to the other Parties on a reciprocal basis.

ARTICLE 9.3

Review

The Joint Committee shall review this Chapter and examine the possibility of developing the Parties' commitments in government procurement within three years from the entry into force of this Agreement.