

8. The complaining Party or Parties shall notify the other Party or Parties of the benefits which it intends to suspend no later than 60 days before the date on which the suspension is due to take effect. Within 15 days from that notification, any of the Parties to the dispute may request the original arbitration panel to rule on whether the benefits which the complaining Party or Parties intend to suspend are equivalent to those affected by the measure found to violate this Agreement, and whether the proposed suspension is in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7. The ruling of the arbitration panel shall be given within 45 days from that request. Benefits shall not be suspended until the arbitration panel has issued its ruling.

9. The suspension of benefits shall be temporary and shall only be applied by the complaining Party or Parties until the measure found to violate this Agreement has been withdrawn or amended so as to bring it into conformity with this Agreement, or the Parties to the dispute have reached agreement on a resolution of the dispute.

10. At the request of any of the Parties to the dispute, the original arbitration panel shall rule on the conformity with the final report of any implementing measures adopted after the suspension of benefits and, in light of such ruling, whether the suspension of benefits should be terminated or modified. The ruling of the arbitration panel shall be given within 30 days from the date of that request.

11. The rulings provided for in paragraphs 4, 5, 8 and 10 shall be binding.

ARTICLE 66

Other Provisions

Any time period mentioned in this Chapter may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties involved.

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ARTICLE 67

Transparency

1. The Parties shall publish their laws, or otherwise make publicly available their laws, regulations and administrative rulings and judicial decisions of general application as well as their respective international agreements that may affect the operation of this Agreement.

2. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and provide, upon request, information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1.

3. 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.

ARTICLE 68

Annexes and Appendices

The Annexes and Appendices to this Agreement form an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE 69

Amendments

1. Amendments to this Agreement shall, after approval by the Joint Committee, be submitted to the Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval, subject to each Party's constitutional requirements.

2. Unless the Joint Committee decides otherwise, the amendments shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of the last instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

3. The text of the amendments as well as the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 70

Additional Parties

Any third State may become a Party to this Agreement. The terms and conditions of the participation by such third State shall be the subject of an agreement between the Parties and that State.

ARTICLE 71

Withdrawal and Termination

1. Any Party may withdraw therefrom by means of a written notification to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after the date on which the notification was received by the Depositary.
2. If Singapore withdraws, this Agreement shall expire on the date specified in paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 72

Entry into Force

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. The instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Depositary.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 2003 in relation to those Signatory States which by then have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary, and provided that Singapore is among the States that have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval.
3. In relation to a Signatory State depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval after 1 January 2003, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the deposit of its instrument, provided that in relation to the Republic of Singapore this Agreement enters into force at the latest on the same date.
4. Any Party may, if its constitutional requirements permit, apply this Agreement provisionally during an initial period starting on 1 January 2003. Provisional application of this Agreement shall be notified to the Depositary.

ARTICLE 73

Depositary

The Government of Norway shall act as Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Egilsstadir, this 26th day of June 2002, in a single original in the English language, which shall be deposited with the Government of Norway. The Depositary shall transmit certified copies to all Signatory States.