

CHAPTER 14

TRANSPARENCY

Article 1

Publication

1. Each Party shall ensure that its laws, regulations, procedures and administrative rulings of general application that may have an impact on any matter covered by this Agreement are promptly published, including through the internet where feasible, or otherwise made available in such a manner as to enable interested persons and the other Party to become acquainted with them.
2. The Parties shall promptly respond to specific questions and, upon request, provide full information to each other on matters referred to in paragraph 1.
3. Nothing in this Chapter shall require a Party to furnish or allow access to confidential information, which is designated as confidential under its internal legislation or the disclosure of which would impede law enforcement or otherwise be contrary to the public interest or which would prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of particular enterprises, public or private.

Article 2

Notification and Provision of Information

1. Each Party shall endeavour to notify the other Party on any measure that the Party considers might materially affect the operation of this Agreement.

2. The information referred to under this Article shall be considered to have been provided when it has been made available by appropriate notification to the WTO or when it has been made publicly available in accordance with the legislation of the Party concerned or has been published on the official, public and fee-free accessible website of the Party concerned.

3. Any notification, response or information provided under this Article shall be without prejudice to any determination as to whether the measure is consistent with this Agreement.

4. Any notification, request, or information under this Article shall be conveyed to the other Party through contact points designated under Article 4 (Contact Point) of Chapter 15 (Institutional Provisions).

Article 3

Incorporation

For the purposes of this Agreement, Article X of GATT 1994 and Article III of GATS are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*.